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MEDIA RELEASE
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The Kootenai County Sheriff's Department is investigating an unattended death at a campsite near the Canfield Trail System located in the Coeur d'Alene National Forest.

On February 7, 2010 at about 9:30 a.m, two local residents were in the area of the Canfield Trail System, approximately four miles due east from the Fernan Gun Range, hunting for shed antlers when they came upon a campsite and found a deceased individual.

Deputies and Forest Service Officers responded to the scene and found an extensively decomposed body located in a collapsed tent. Indications at this time are that the person was possibly a transient. Unfortunately, due to the decomposition, the sex and identity are currently unknown.

An autopsy has been performed on the body and there were no obvious signs of trauma or a cause of death.

Detectives with the KCSD are currently contacting local medical facilities and homeless aid groups in an effort to identify the body so next of kin can be notified. Currently, there are no known missing person reports in our jurisdiction that can be linked to this case.

This case is currently under investigation and further information will be forthcoming.

Rocky Watson, Sheriff

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