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## INFORMATION BULLETIN

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### **Remains found in Cowichan in December linked to missing person**

VICTORIA – The Special Investigations Unit with the BC Coroners Service has completed DNA analysis that confirms human remains found near Lake Cowichan on Dec. 22, 2017, are those of Darreld Stanley Rayner of Lake Cowichan.

Rayner, 52 years of age when he went missing in May of 2007, was the subject of a search-and-rescue operation and missing persons investigation by the RCMP.

The location of the remains near South Shore Road in Lake Cowichan was steep and secluded, requiring a co-ordinated effort between the BC Coroners Service, Cowichan Search and Rescue and RCMP to recover the remains for recovery and subsequent testing.

The BC Coroners Service's investigation is ongoing and no other details are available at this time.

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