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UPDATE: Death investigation in Wilson County

WILSON COUNTY – The Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI) and the Wilson County Sheriff's Office have identified the woman whose remains were discovered by hunters on March 16, in rural Wilson County.

The woman has been identified as Stephanie M. Willard, 43, of Fredonia, Kansas.

Anyone who had contact with Stephanie Willard in the past three weeks is asked to contact the KBI at 1-800-KS-CRIME, or the Wilson County Sheriff's Office at (620) 378-3622. Tips can also be submitted anonymously online at <https://www.kbi.ks.gov/sar>.

The investigation is ongoing.

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WILSON COUNTY – The Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI) and the Wilson County Sheriff's Office are conducting a death investigation after human remains were found Thursday evening in rural Wilson County.

The Wilson County Sheriff's Office requested KBI assistance at approximately 7:25 p.m. on Thursday, March 16. KBI agents and the Crime Scene Response Team responded.

At approximately 6:50 p.m. Thursday, out-of-state hunters called 911 after encountering human remains in a pasture. Deputies from the Wilson County Sheriff's Office responded to the

location, approximately a mile south of Coyville, Kansas, near Decatur Road. Upon arriving, deputies observed the human skeletal remains.

An autopsy is scheduled. At this time, the person has not been identified. Due to the condition of the remains, positive identification is expected to take longer than most cases.

If you have information about this investigation, please contact the KBI at 1-800-KS-CRIME, or the Wilson County Sheriff's Office at (620) 378-3622. Tips can also be submitted anonymously online at <https://www.kbi.ks.gov/sar>.

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