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Oroville, Ca—At approximately 3:30 yesterday afternoon, deputies responded to a Gridley address to check on woman who had not reported to work as usual. Upon arrival, deputies found the woman deceased in her home. A press release was sent out yesterday evening indicating that Sheriff's Office Detectives had determined that the decedent died due to injuries sustained while trying to keep her two dogs from fighting. That is a theory that is being explored, and was based on the fact that the dogs had injuries consistent with being involved in a fight with one another.

There are other theories that are also being evaluated including the possibility that the decedent died of natural causes and animal activity that involved her body occurred post-mortem. Although there are no apparent signs of foul play at this time, BCSO remains open to exploring evidence that would lead in that direction.

The autopsy is scheduled for today, and Sheriff's Office detectives believe that will provide information that will help determine the cause of death.

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Butte County Sheriff's Office is happy to announce that Search and Rescue teams have located Wayne Cateron, alive and well, in the area of Philbrook Lake. Mr. Cateron was able to take shelter inside a cabin overnight, and has been reunited with his family.

Search and Rescue teams from Butte, Shasta and Placer Counties assisted with the search using snow mobiles, 4 wheel drive vehicles, a tracked ranger, and a Sno-Cat. Search and Rescue K-9's also assisted with the search.

BCSO would like to thank everyone involved in the search effort, and remind everyone to be careful when traveling to remote areas, especially when severe weather is expected.

Thankfully, Mr. Cateron's family knew where he was going, and when to expect him to return; when he didn't return, his family contacted Law Enforcement.

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Butte County Search and Rescue team searching for missing person

Butte County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue team is actively looking for 65 year old Wayne Cateron, who went missing after going to find a Christmas tree in the Philbrook area on December 2, 2015. Search teams were able to locate Mr. Cateron's vehicle yesterday, but so far have been unable to locate Mr. Cateron. Search teams are using their Argo, tracked Ranger, snowmobiles and a Sno-Cat to clear the many cabins and side roads in the area. Search teams were out all night, and a mutual aid request has been placed for fresh teams to begin searching again this morning. If you have any information on Mr. Cateron's whereabouts, please contact the Butte County Sheriff's Office at (530) 538-7671.



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The female victim found in the 600 block of Dunstone Drive in Oroville has been identified as Angela Marie Murray born in 1975. Angela was positively identified by fingerprint comparison through the California Department of Justice. Angela was a transient person who lived in the Lower Wyandotte and Oro Bangor area. The investigation into the homicide is

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