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# NEWS RELEASE

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Case No: 17-1980847

### Human Remains Located

On July 17<sup>th</sup>, at 3:33 pm, Beaverton Police Officers responded to 11525 SW 11<sup>th</sup> Street in Beaverton for a welfare check of 57 year old Katherine McDowell. Officers spoke with Katherine's daughter, who had called for the welfare check, and Katherine's son, Matthew Gutierrez. In the course of the initial investigation, Matthew made statements that he had burned his mother's body in the backyard fire pit. Officers checked the fire pit and saw what were believed to be bones.

Gutierrez was taken into custody, charged with First Degree Abuse of a Corpse, and lodged at the Washington County Jail.

On July 18<sup>th</sup>, BPD Detectives, with assistance from the Washington County Sheriff's Office Forensics Unit, and the Washington County Medical Examiner's Office served the search warrant at the residence. During the execution of the search warrant, officials have located, and now confirmed, human remains in the fire pit. These remains are believed to be Katherine McDowell.

This investigation is on-going and updates will be provided as new information is available.

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