Press Release
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The Dover Police Department and the Durham Police Department announce an identification has been made in the case of human remains discovered earlier this month on an island in Little Bay. The Office of The Chief Medical Examiner was able to identify the remains as those of Matthew J. Sullivan, 50, a Dover resident.

Sullivan was last heard from on September 6, 2016. His vehicle was discovered parked in the area of Hilton Park, which is on Little Bay.

On July 3, 2017, the remains were discovered on the island. The Durham Police Department and the Dover Police Department began an investigation, assisted by the New Hampshire Marine Patrol and the New Hampshire State Police.

The cause and manner of Sullivan’s death will ultimately be determined by the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner. At this time, however, Sullivan’s death does not appear to be suspicious.

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