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Media Release

On July 23, 2016 the Auburn Police Department was dispatched to 63 Fitch Ave to investigate the discovery of what appeared to be human bones. The bones were discovered while a portion of the property, that abuts Fort Hill Cemetery, was being excavated by the current property owner.

The Auburn Police Department, the Cayuga County Coroner, and the Onondaga County Medical Examiner’s Office have confirmed the remains to be human. The remains have been transferred to the Onondaga County Medical Examiner’s Office for further testing.

The investigation is currently ongoing, and will take some time, as historical and archived cemetery and property owner records are being examined to determine responsibility for the remains. This is being done with the assistance of the City of Auburn’s Corporation Counsel as well as Fort Hill Cemetery staff. Please be advised that the case does not appear to be the result of any criminal activity.

The Auburn Police Department would like to advise the public that 63 Fitch Ave is private property and trespassers will be prosecuted. Additionally, the Fort Hill Cemetery is open from dusk until dawn, and thereafter trespassers are subject to arrest.

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