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The Georgia Bureau of Investigation Medical Examiner's Office has developed and implemented a forensic anthropology service. This service is under the direction of Rick Snow, Ph.D., a forensic anthropologist with extensive experience including work at the Tri-State Crematorium incident in Nobel, Georgia and with the United Nations in the exhumation of mass graves in Bosnia and Kosovo.

The forensic anthropology service is available to assist local law enforcement and coroners when dealing with skeletal remains. Specifically the service provides:

- Oversight and aid in the recovery of skeletal remains whether they are scattered on the surface of the ground or buried in clandestine graves.
- Forensic documentation of a recovery site and any remains recovered.
- Anthropologic examination to aid law enforcement, coroners, and Medical Examiners in the identification and the determination of cause and manner of death.
- Anthropologic analysis of remains to provide information regarding sex, age, and race, stature, and approximate time since death to aid law enforcement in their investigations.
- Analysis of any unidentified skeletal remains, consultation with forensic dentists, the utilization of DNA technologies and the entry of data into state and federal databases to aid in identification.

If you have any questions about the service or want to utilize the service, please contact the GBI Headquarters Medical Examiner's Office at 404-328-4214.

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