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> > **News**

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## Sheriff's detectives respond to found body

**PORT ORCHARD, Wash.** -- Kitsap County Sheriff's patrol deputies and detectives, together with emergency crews from South Kitsap Fire and Rescue, today responded to a report that the body of an apparent teenage female had washed up on a beach area

in South Kitsap.

The call was received at 3:11 p.m. The report location was in the 4700 block of Beach Drive East, near Woods Road East.

The reporting person was a nature photographer who had stopped by the side of the road to observe birds.



Sheriff's units arrived on-scene at 3:23 p.m. and confirmed the initial report.

Sheriff's detectives believe that the human remains likely are those of a 17-year-old Bremerton girl, **Hevi Muhaz Tahir**, reported missing Jan. 29, in Silverdale. An extensive search effort for Hevi has been underway in Dyes Inlet since then.

Sheriff's detectives have notified Hevi's family.

Positive identification of the remains is the responsibility of the Kitsap County Coroner. The county's forensic pathologist will conduct an autopsy. The coroner will issue a determination as to cause and manner of death.

