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MEDIA STATEMENT

Statement from Guernsey Police

'Police received reports on the morning of Monday 8th January that a car had been set alight in a secluded area near Petit Bot. Officers attended alongside colleagues from the Fire Service and found the vehicle burnt out with substantial fire damage.

'During a subsequent detailed forensic examination of the car, specialist officers found what we believe at this stage to be parts of skeletal remains in the driver's seat. This is as yet unconfirmed and further forensic tests are being carried out.

'As a result of the significant damage caused by the fire, further examinations are needed to confirm relevant identity markings of the car, which would help establish registered ownership.

'Additionally, while undertaking the detailed forensic examination of the car we received a report of a 33-year-old man missing since the early hours of Monday 8th January. Mikus Alps was last seen at a residential address in St Saviour's. Mr Alps, who is from Latvia but resident in Guernsey, is described as being around 5'9" tall with fair skin, blue eyes, short brown hair and a short beard. He also has distinctive tattoos on his arms and back.

'Should forensic tests confirm the presence of human skeletal parts, we are at this stage keeping an open mind about the potential direction of the investigation.

'If anyone has any information which may assist our enquiries, they are asked to contact CID on 725111. Information can also be given anonymously via the Crimestoppers line on 0800 555 111.'

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Issued by Roisin Gauson, Communications Officer for Home Affairs, telephone number 719451.

NOTE TO EDITORS – An image of Mr Alps has been included with this media release.