

## BAILIWICK OF GUERNSEY LAW ENFORCEMENT

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## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

## 12/01/18

A fire expert from the UK has arrived in Guernsey to help with examinations of a car which was burnt out in a secluded area near Petit Bot on Monday 8th January. The vehicle, which contained what we believe at this stage to be parts of skeletal remains in the driver's seat, sustained substantial fire damage and work is ongoing to confirm identity markings to help establish the registered ownership.

A Home Office Pathologist is expected to arrive in the island early next week to analyse the findings in relation to the suspected skeletal remains. If human remains are confirmed to be present, a post mortem will then be carried out.

Additionally, investigations are ongoing into a man who was reported missing on Wednesday 10th January. Mikus Alps, 33, was last seen at a residential address in St Saviour's in the early hours of Monday 8th January. Searches have been carried out at a number of premises around the island in connection with this enquiry. Mr Alps 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.

Family Liaison Officers remain in close contact with Mr Alps' family.

We would again repeat that police are keeping an open mind about the potential direction of this investigation, however there remains a possibility that the two incidents are linked.

If anyone has any information which may assist our enquiries, they are asked to contact CID on 725111, or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

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