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Body found in Tooele County's west desert

A Wendover man discovered a body in the desert east of Wendover today. Tooele County Sheriff Frank Park says an employee of Intrepid Pot Ash stumbled across the body on remote company property around 12 noon, Tuesday, June 15, 2010. Company officials say they haven't used or been on that area of their property for many years.

Sheriff Park says the body is too badly decomposed to determine the sex of the deceased. However, the clothing found at the scene may be female clothing. The body was found face down on the ground, too far from any roads to be seen.

Tooele County Detectives, with assistance from the State Medical Examiner's Office, will exhume the body tomorrow morning. The Medical Examiner will conduct an autopsy. Detectives hope that through DNA samples and dental records they can determine who the deceased is, how long the body has been there, and what the cause of death is. Sheriff Park says they haven't ruled out foul play.

Because the body found in Wendover is possibly female, the Tooele County Sheriff's Office contacted West Valley City Police Department, which is assisting with the case.

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