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Recent work on Great Feeder Canal allows Jefferson County Sheriff's Office a rare opportunity, and yields results.

Recent work on the new gates at the Great Feeder Canal has allowed water to drop to historic lows and has allowed Sheriff's Deputies to search this area.

This area is of particular interest to the Sheriff's Office as it was the scene of a tragic boating accident in 1981 where two children were drowned, but only one was found.

During the first week of April, Sheriff's Deputies located some bones in this area that did not appear to be animal in origin. A local medical doctor advised that one of the bones did appear to be from the leg of a young child. These pieces are awaiting confirmation as human remains through the proper channels.

The surviving family from 1981 left the area shortly after the incident and the Sheriff's Office is working to locate potential relatives so that further confirmation of connection to the incident may be provided.

Please call Detective Tower at 745-9210 with any questions.