

# Bones reveal two killings

## *Identities of victim found in burned-out car still unknown*

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COLVILLE, Wash.—There were two bodies, not one, in the burned-out car a hunter found on a remote logging road in northern Stevens County last weekend.

Forensic doctors made that determination Thursday after examining animal-scattered bones found in and around the car in the Flat Creek area 15 miles north of Colville.

The medical examination hasn't determined the identities of the apparent murder victims, but Sheriff Craig Thayer said one of them is believed to be San Diego resident Josh Schaefer.

Schaefer, 21, was reported missing after attending the Northport Barter Faire in June with an acquaintance who is believed to be the other homicide victim. Thayer declined to identify the second man because authorities hadn't been able to notify his relatives.

Schaefer was reported missing by Kimberly Kerpan, who identified herself as his wife and said he was overdue to get in touch with her.

"She was concerned because of an individual that she thought he might be with and trouble that the individual might have brought with him," Thayer said, declining to elaborate.

He said the second homicide victim "very likely" is the man Kerpan said Schaefer was planning to accompany to the Barter Faire on June 10.

The man Kerpan said had been traveling with Schaefer has a criminal record and is one of the registered owners of the burned-out vehicle, Thayer said.

An Explorer Scout search-and-rescue unit will search the crime scene again this weekend for additional evidence, the sheriff said.