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RECENT SIGHTING OF WILD BOARS WITHIN CITY LIMITS

RIVERSIDE, CA – On Tuesday, November 1, 2016, at about 11:40 a.m., Riverside Police Officers responded to Fairmount Park in Riverside regarding a citizen who found internal organs floating in Lake Evans. Officers located the organs and contacted the Riverside County Sheriff-Coroner's office since it was initially unknown if they were human or animal remains. The Coroner determined the organs belonged to a wild boar. The Riverside County Department of Animal Services responded and collected the remains. It is unknown exactly how the wild boar was killed, although it was most likely by a coyote.

Recently, a large group of wild boars have been seen roaming parts of Fairmount Park at night. Wild boars have been living in the Santa Ana River bottom for many years and sometimes come out in search of food after heavy rains, but tend to only come out during nighttime hours. These animals usually keep to themselves in search of fresh grass or foliage. If you see these wild boars, it is best to just leave them alone. If they become aggressive toward people or pets, or if you locate remains that cannot be identified, you can contact the Riverside County Department of Animal Services at (951) 358-7387 or the Riverside Police Department at (951) 354-2007 for assistance.

As a reminder, the hunting of any animals within the City of Riverside is prohibited. Per the Riverside Municipal Code, any violation of the unlawful use of weapons ordinance could result in up to a \$1000 fine or 6 months in county jail, or both.

