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Investigators from the FBI Denver Field Office, its Wyoming Resident Agencies, the National Park Service, U.S. Forest Service, Teton County Sheriff's Office, Teton County Search and Rescue, and Jackson Police Department participated in a search for evidence in a remote area of the Grand Teton National Park and the Bridger-Teton National Forest. On Sunday, September 19, 2021, human remains were located and recovered consistent with the description of Gabrielle "Gabby" Petito. The remains were transported to the Teton County Coroner's Office for forensic examination to confirm identity and determine the manner and cause of death.

Teton County Coroner Dr. Brent Blue confirmed the remains are those of Gabrielle Venora Petito, date of birth March 19, 1999. Coroner Blue's initial determination for the manner of death is homicide. The cause of death remains pending final autopsy results.

"The FBI's commitment to justice is at the forefront of each and every investigation," said FBI Denver Special Agent in Charge Michael Schneider. "The FBI and our partners remain dedicated to ensuring anyone responsible for or complicit in Ms. Petito's death is held accountable for their actions. Mr. Brian Laundrie has been named a person of interest. Anyone with information concerning Mr. Laundrie's role in this matter or his current whereabouts should contact the FBI."

The forensic search has concluded of the Spread Creek Dispersed Camping Area and law enforcement has released the area. The FBI is seeking information from anyone who utilized the Spread Creek Dispersed Camping Area between the dates of August 27-30, 2021, who may have had contact with Ms. Petito or Mr. Laundrie, or who may have seen their vehicle. The Spread Creek Dispersed Camping Area is located within the Bridger-Teton National Forest on the east boundary of Grand Teton National Park in Wyoming (see map).

For photos and details, please see the FBI's [Seeking Information poster](#) for Ms. Petito. Relevant information may be submitted to the FBI online at tips.fbi.gov, or by phone to 1-800-CALL-FBI or 303-629-7171. Photos and videos may be uploaded via the FBI's digital media tip line dedicated to this case: fbi.gov/petito.

FBI Denver thanks the public for their continuing support of this investigation and the valuable tips that have been submitted. FBI Denver appreciates the collaboration of all agencies and personnel who assisted in the search, recovery, and identification efforts. We extend sincere condolences to Gabby's family, friends, and all the people whose lives she touched.