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Sent: 8/14/2009 7:15:22 AM
Subject: RE: Iwi Kupuna - Hawaiian Burials

Marcia,

Good to hear from you. Were these bones placed on the surface or buried....

Most burials here are below, grade... anywhere from a few feet to 6 feet..... under roadways, and below concrete slabs or parking...

Please say more about how you might approach Hawaii and some of these conditions...

Let's say for concrete areas, or pavement, the top layers could be removed..... ordinarily, we have archeologists propose trenching for a site... but many times when construction begins...burials are found in areas that were not trenched....

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From: Marcia Koenig [mailto:marciakoenig@earthlink.net]
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To: Patterson, Kaleo
Cc: Lisa Higgins; Kathy Holbert
Subject: RE: Iwi Kupuna - Hawaiian Burials

Hello Kaleo -

I thought I'd give you an update on what training we've done and find out where you are in reference to this project.
In late June the three dog handlers met in West Virginia and had problems set out for their dogs using bones that were 100-200 years old and others that were 500+ years old. The dogs had no trouble locating the bones that were scattered through a field. We also worked on burials that were a few years old. The handlers were able to read their dogs' body language when they reached the "hot" area. All three dogs went into trained alerts (sit or down) at the point where the scent was the strongest.
What is the status of this project?

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