

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), the University of Missouri, Museum of Anthropology has completed an inventory of human remains and associated funerary objects and has determined that there is a cultural affiliation between the human remains and associated funerary objects and Indian Tribes or Native Hawaiian organizations in this notice.

DATES: Repatriation of the human remains and associated funerary objects in this notice may occur on or after August 31, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Send written requests for repatriation of the human remains and associated funerary objects in this notice to Dr. Candace Sall, University of Missouri, Museum of Anthropology, 1020 Lowry Street, Columbia, MO 65211, email nagpra@missouri.edu.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is published as part of the National Park Service's administrative responsibilities under NAGPRA. The determinations in this notice are the sole responsibility of the University of Missouri, Museum of Anthropology, and additional information on the determinations in this notice, including the results of consultation, can be found in its inventory or related records. The National Park Service is not responsible for the determinations in this notice.

Abstract of Information Available

Human remains representing at least four individuals have been identified. The 25 lots of associated funerary objects are four lots of ceramic fragments, two lots of faunal fragments, two lots of debitage, two lots of fired clay fragments, two lots of unmodified rocks, and one lot each of: projectile points, bullets, ceramic vessels, stone plummets, hafted bifaces, unifaces, bifaces, drills, hematite, ochre, shell fragments, gun flints, and worked faunal bones. The individuals were removed from site 11MS2, Cahokia Mounds, and surrounding areas by George B. Higgins between 1908 and 1921, and W. L. Waters at an unknown date. Most of the funerary objects were removed by John Bryan, John Cottier, Jerry W. Daniels, William Philyaw, Alan J. Neely, James Neely, and Joe Walta, between 1948 and 1974 and donated to the University of Missouri, Museum of Anthropology between 1974 and 2018. The remainder of the funerary objects were collected at unknown dates by people unknown. No known hazardous substances were used to treat the human remains or associated funerary objects.

Cultural Affiliation

Based on the information available and the results of consultation, cultural affiliation is clearly identified by the information available about the human remains and associated funerary objects described in this notice.

Determinations

The University of Missouri, Museum of Anthropology has determined that:

- The human remains described in this notice represent the physical remains of four individuals of Native American ancestry.
- The 25 lots of objects described in this notice are reasonably believed to have been placed intentionally with or near individual human remains at the time of death or later as part of the death rite or ceremony.
- There is a connection between the human remains and associated funerary objects described in this notice and the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma; Kaw Nation, Oklahoma; (previously listed as Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatomi Indians of Michigan); Miami Tribe of Oklahoma; Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma; Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians, Michigan and Indiana; Ponca Tribe of Nebraska; Quapaw Nation; Sac & Fox Nation, Oklahoma; Shawnee Tribe; and The Osage Nation.

Requests for Repatriation

Written requests for repatriation of the human remains and associated funerary objects in this notice must be sent to the authorized representative identified in this notice under **ADDRESSES**. Requests for repatriation may be submitted by:

1. Any one or more of the Indian Tribes or Native Hawaiian organizations identified in this notice.
2. Any lineal descendant, Indian Tribe, or Native Hawaiian organization not identified in this notice who shows, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the requestor is a lineal descendant or an Indian Tribe or Native Hawaiian organization with cultural affiliation.

Repatriation of the human remains and associated funerary objects described in this notice to a requestor may occur on or after August 31, 2026. If competing requests for repatriation are received, the University of Missouri, Museum of Anthropology must determine the most appropriate requestor prior to repatriation. Requests for joint repatriation of the human remains and associated funerary objects are considered a single request and not competing requests. The University of Missouri, Museum of Anthropology is responsible for sending a copy of this

notice to the Indian Tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations identified in this notice and any other consulting parties.

Authority: Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, 25 U.S.C. 3003, and the implementing regulations, 43 CFR 10.10.

Dated: July 20, 2026.

Melanie O'Brien,

Manager, National NAGPRA Program.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**National Park Service**

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Notice of Inventory Completion: Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation, and Tourism, Division of Archaeology, Baton Rouge, LA

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), the Louisiana Division of Archaeology (LDOA) has completed an inventory of human remains and associated funerary objects and has determined that there is a cultural affiliation between the human remains and associated funerary objects and Indian Tribes or Native Hawaiian organizations in this notice.

DATES: Repatriation of the human remains and associated funerary objects in this notice may occur on or after August 31, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Send written requests for repatriation of the human remains and associated funerary objects in this notice to Karla Oesch, Collections Manager, Louisiana Division of Archaeology, P.O. Box 44247, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, email koesch@crt.la.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is published as part of the National Park Service's administrative responsibilities under NAGPRA. The determinations in this notice are the sole responsibility of the Louisiana Division of Archaeology, and additional information on the determinations in this notice, including the results of consultation, can be found in its inventory or related records. The National Park Service is not responsible for the determinations in this notice.

Abstract of Information Available

Human remains representing at least nine individuals have been identified

from site 16JA21, Quarles Lake, in Jackson Parish, LA. At minimum, one lot of potentially associated funerary objects are present including ceramics and lithics. In 1971, Richard Franz, Allen Tuten, and several other avocational archaeologists began excavating 16JA21, making several trips to the site over the year. Franz moved out of the state soon after and took all site materials with him. In 2022, the family of Richard Franz reached out to the LDOA about Richard's collections, now stored in Wyoming. In late 2022, LDOA staff travelled to Wyoming to pick up Louisiana collections, including 16JA21, and brought them back to Baton Rouge. In 2024, the family donated the collections to LDOA. The same year, LSU began analysis to determine MNI, completed in late 2025. In 2025, Allen Tuten donated his collection from 16JA21.

Human remains representing at least 15 individuals have been identified from unknown archaeological sites from northern Louisiana and southern Arkansas including Lincoln, Union, Madison, Tensas, Union, and West Carroll Parishes in Louisiana. At minimum, five lots of potentially associated funerary objects are present including ceramics and lithics. From the 1950s to 1970s, Richard Franz visited and excavated numerous sites around southern Arkansas and northern Louisiana. Franz moved out of the state soon after and took all site materials with him. In 2022, the family of Richard Franz reached out to the LDOA about Richard's collections, now stored in Wyoming. In late 2022, LDOA staff travelled to Wyoming to pick up these collections, including 16JA21, and brought them back to Baton Rouge. In 2024, the family donated the collections to LDOA.

Cultural Affiliation

Based on the information available and the results of consultation, cultural affiliation is clearly identified by the information available about the human remains and associated funerary objects described in this notice.

Determinations

The Louisiana Division of Archaeology has determined that:

- The human remains described in this notice represent the physical remains of 24 individuals of Native American ancestry.
- The six lots of objects described in this notice are reasonably believed to have been placed intentionally with or near individual human remains at the time of death or later as part of the death rite or ceremony.

- There is a connection between the human remains and associated funerary objects described in this notice and the Caddo Nation of Oklahoma.

Requests for Repatriation

Written requests for repatriation of the human remains and associated funerary objects in this notice must be sent to the authorized representative identified in this notice under **ADDRESSES**. Requests for repatriation may be submitted by:

1. Any one or more of the Indian Tribes or Native Hawaiian organizations identified in this notice.
2. Any lineal descendant, Indian Tribe, or Native Hawaiian organization not identified in this notice who shows, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the requestor is a lineal descendant or an Indian Tribe or Native Hawaiian organization with cultural affiliation.

Repatriation of the human remains and associated funerary objects described in this notice to a requestor may occur on or after August 31, 2026. If competing requests for repatriation are received, the Louisiana Division of Archaeology must determine the most appropriate requestor prior to repatriation. Requests for joint repatriation of the human remains and associated funerary objects are considered a single request and not competing requests. The Louisiana Division of Archaeology is responsible for sending a copy of this notice to the Indian Tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations identified in this notice and any other consulting parties.

Authority: Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, 25 U.S.C. 3003, and the implementing regulations, 43 CFR 10.10.

Dated: July 20, 2026.

Melanie O'Brien,

Manager, National NAGPRA Program.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

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Notice of Inventory Completion: California Department of Transportation, San Diego, CA

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), the California Department of Transportation

(Caltrans) has completed an inventory of associated funerary objects and has determined that there is a cultural affiliation between the associated funerary objects and Indian Tribes or Native Hawaiian organizations in this notice.

DATES: Repatriation of the associated funerary objects in this notice may occur on or after August 31, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Send written requests for repatriation of the associated funerary objects in this notice to Natalia Galeana, California Department of Transportation District 11, 4050 Taylor Street, San Diego, CA 92110 email natalia.galeana@dot.ca.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is published as part of the National Park Service's administrative responsibilities under NAGPRA. The determinations in this notice are the sole responsibility of Caltrans, and additional information on the determinations in this notice, including the results of consultation, can be found in its inventory or related records. The National Park Service is not responsible for the determinations in this notice.

Abstract of Information Available

Associated funerary objects have been identified totaling of 16 lots from the three San Diego County archaeological sites listed below and representing three lots of shell, two lots of chipped stone, three lots of non-human faunal remains, three lots of soil samples, two historic items, one carbon sample and two lot of lithics. This shall also include any objects currently listed as missing but found at a later date; or uncatalogued objects found at a later date belonging to the collections. All three collections were recovered as a result of a 1985 excavation report for a highway project in San Diego, California, and are currently housed at San Diego State University (SDSU).

A total of six lots consisting of 210 cultural items were removed from CA-SDI-16653, which is located immediately west of I-5 and north of Carmel Valley Road. The collection was accessioned at SDSU under Caltrans control as SDSU-0188.

A total of five lots consisting of 162 cultural items were removed from CA-SDI-8121, which is located in and adjacent to an access road running south from the top of the mesa toward Interstate-5. The collection was accessioned at SDSU under Caltrans control as SDSU-0189. Four items in this notice have been identified as missing, and Caltrans and SDSU continue to look for them.