Police interview people of interest after two bodies discovered

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Authorities now believe that two bodies discovered Thursday at an isolated ranch east of Bonanza are those of a man reported missing earlier in the month and a second man who had accompanied him. Klamath County Sheriff Tim Evinger said investigators are considering it a double homicide. No motive has been established, and no suspects have been named, but Evinger said multiple agencies are interviewing dozens of people, including the persons the two missing men reportedly intended to visit.

In the course of these interviews, several people were taken into custody on unrelated charges, Evinger said.

“We’re looking at all possibilities,” Evinger said.

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Potato festival kicks off

Children show off their free baked potatoes in front of the Merrill Sterling Savings Bank Friday. The bank has offered hundreds of free spuds the Friday of the Potato Festival for more than 15 years.

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