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CITY OF MORENCI STATEMENT ON SKELTON BROTHERS CASE DEVELOPMENT

MORENCI, MI – The Michigan State Police (MSP) released the following statement regarding new developments in the Skelton Brothers case. The City of Morenci's statement on this case is the exact same as the press release issued by the MSP. The press release is the following:

State Police Request Information from Montana Authorities Following Discovery of Human Remains

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December 14, 2017

LANSING, MICH. On Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2017, the Michigan State Police (MSP) First District Special Investigation Section learned that human remains were found in Montana in September, that were recently determined to likely be the skeletal remains of three children.

MSP investigators are working with Missoula police to determine if there is any connection to Andrew, Alexander and Tanner Skelton who were reported missing from Morenci in Lenawee County the day after Thanksgiving in 2010. There has been nothing previously reported to police linking the brothers to Montana, and it is not known at this time if the remains are from related siblings.

Further forensic testing has been requested by police in Montana that may provide more answers. Until this testing is completed and additional investigation by law enforcement in Montana occurs, it cannot be determined if these remains belong to the missing Skelton brothers.

In the years since the Skelton brothers disappeared, their vanishing has been vigorously investigated by the Morenci Police Department, FBI and MSP. Significant assistance has also been provided by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

In 2013, the MSP became the lead investigating agency. New age-progression photos of the three brothers were released in November 2016.

At the time the boys went missing they were in the care of their father, John Skelton. Skelton pleaded no contest to three counts of unlawful imprisonment in September 2011, after he claimed he gave the boys to unknown individuals. Skelton is currently serving a 10-15 year prison sentence.

The public is asked to provide any tips or information to the MSP at www.michigan.gov/michtip or by calling 517-636-0689.

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