

Troopers, BC3 police probe continues after private cadaver dogs' alert on campus

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(Butler, PA) An investigation by state police at Butler and Butler County Community College campus police continued Tuesday morning in a wooded portion of BC3's main campus in Butler Township, where private cadaver dogs last weekend reportedly alerted handlers when approaching a mound of construction debris.

BC3 plans to update information at approximately 3 p.m. today.

Investigators are processing the scene, according to Scott Richardson, BC3's director of campus police and security.

The area that attracted the canines was not part of the group's training grounds, Richardson said, adding that the name of the organization is being withheld due to the investigation. The group called Butler County Emergency Services after its canines, which were seeking certification or recertification as cadaver dogs, reacted positively Saturday evening. Butler Township police responded and contacted BC3's campus police, Richardson said.

There did not appear to be recent activity near the construction debris, Richardson said Monday. He described the area as being dense with excessive vegetation overgrowth and having no adjacent walking trails. Although on college property, the site under investigation is in a remote area not near campus buildings or facilities, Richardson said.

State police and campus police are working jointly on the investigation, Richardson said.