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1 Introduction

ГQX. human skeletal remains during bulk earthworks of a borrow pit on the farm Witkopje 238 Ledjadja Coal's Boikarabelo Coal Mine (Boikarabelo) of a chance find of archaeological Digby Wells Environmental (Digby Wells) was notified by the Environmental Officer of

destruction permit issued by the South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) construction and operation of the Boikarabelo Coal Mine, including an archaeological site Ledjadja Coal has received Environmental Authorisation for all activities associated with the

2 Project Background

excavator. construction was excavated. The excavation was conducted mechanically using a large A borrow pit area was identified on Witkopje 238 LQ where material suitable for use in

Boikarabelo environmental manager. immediately ceased all work and contacted the site foreman, who in turn contacted the The machine operator noted the first skeletal remains at 10h00 on 28 November 2013. He

Chance Find Note): Chance find procedures were implemented that included (refer to Appendix A for detailed

- Ceasing all activities in and around the find;
- Establishing a 20 m buffer area surrounding the find;
- Notification of an archaeologist; and
- Notification of the local South African Police Services station commander.

of the South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA). Grounds and Graves (BGG) and Archaeological, Palaeontological and Meteorite (APM) units On being notified the archaeologist - Johan Nel - immediately informed both the Burial

the burial through excavation and detailed recording, ascertain whether any other remains visit on 2 to 5 December 2013. The purpose of the site visit was to determine the context of System (SAHRIS) on 28 November 2013. Subsequently the archaeologist undertook a site was submitted to the APM unit through the South African Heritage Resources Information It was determined that the skeletal remains were archaeological and an urgent rescue permit may exist in the area.

original context when exposed. A site walk down also did not identify any surface indicators chance find was however made on 4 December 2013 within approximately 5 m of the first that could identify any additional burials (see 4.2 below for detailed methodology). A second No context could however be determined as the remains had been removed from any commander was not notified at this time. The same Chance Find Procedure was implemented but the local SAPS station

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3 Site description

centre of the farm Witkopje 238 LQ in the Limpopo Province The location of the borrow pit where the remains were exposed is located in the relative

Table 3-1: Geographical location details of site where human remains were discovered

Farm name	Witkopje 238 LQ
Site co-ordinates	-23. 586833° 27.159278°(accuracy ~5 meter)
Datum	WGS 84
1: 50 000 map reference	2327 CA Hardekraaltjie
Province	Limpopo Province
Magisterial district	Ellisras
District	Waterberg District Municipality
Local	Lephalale Local Municipality
Normat tours (fay road)	Steenbokpan (hamlet) approx 20 km south east
Nearest towins (by Ioau)	Lephalale (town) approx. 70 km west

archaeological site - Site 002 (cf. Fourie 2010; Fourie & Fourie 2010; Higgitt & Nel 2011a, Methodology below). could be established it was used as a reference point in terms of site naming (see 2011b; Nel 2011; Nel & du Piesanie 2012a, 2012b). Although no association to this this site The remains were found approximately 450 meters north of the closest previously recorded

platforms were also absent. The greyish area in the centre of the image - outlined in red nearby animal burrows, in addition surface features generally identified at other sites (cf. fragments per 25 m² (roughly 5 x 5 m 'grid'). No deposit was noted on the surface nor in artefacts were limited to scattered ceramic fragments with a spatial density of less than five surface indicators were noted to identify the area as a likely archaeological site. Visible The site is located on the edge of a calcrete outcrop as depicted in Figure 3-1. Very little dashed line depicted in Figure 3-1 - represents part of the calcrete outcrop being sourced Fourie 2010; Nel & du Piesanie 2012a, 2012b) in the region such as stone-packed grain bin for construction purposes

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du Piesanie 2012a, 2012b). made in several previous investigations, including archaeological excavations of sites (Nel & This is typical of the general cultural landscape and consistent with recorded observations

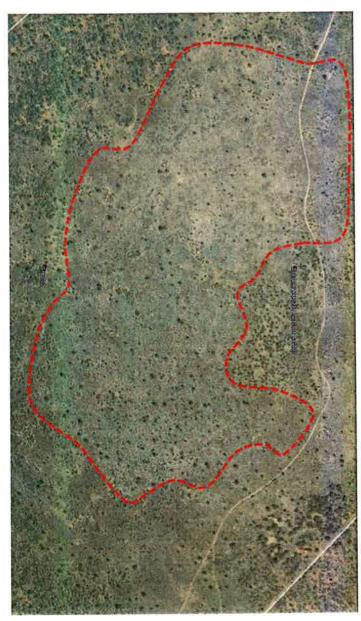


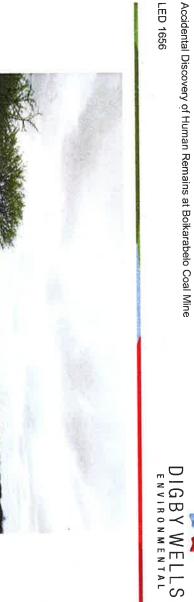
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illustrated in Figure 3-6. The average depth of the topsoil - where deposit could be expected No cultural stratification was noted in the section created by the excavated borrow pit as 3-2 to Figure 3-5 depicts the general site conditions. assumed that the remains were buried in this layer possibly intruding into calcrete. Figure was less than 400 mm from surface to the upper level of the calcrete deposit. It is

Figure 3-3: General view west of the excavated borrow pit. No surface indicators present.



Figure 3-2: Eastern view towards the excavated borrow pit area. Note absence of any surface indicators on the undisturbed surface



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Figure 3-4: View eastwards towards borrow pit. The stockpiled soil in the background is cleared topsoil. No artefacts were noted in the stockpiled topsoil.



Figure 3-5: General view southwards of the excavated borrow pit.

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between the red dashed line. No deposit or artefacts were noted in this layer. The Figure 3-6: Detail of section created by borrow pit excavation. The topsoil layer is calcrete layer below the bottom line was found to be sterile in terms of material



Figure 3-7: Area in excavated borrow pit where remains were found. Arrow 1 indicates topsoil level. The white stakes represent the 20 m buffer area to the east of the find. probably location of the second set of remains. The red dashed lines indicate the

the spoil heap where the first set of skeletal material was found. Arrow 2 indicates the

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standard The methodology that was proposed to complete the rescue excavation was based on archaeological excavation techniques, і. е. establishing Ø reference grid,

4 Methodology

where the second skeleton was exposed. Note that the topsoil has been removed. No Figure 3-9: View of the northern extent of the borrow pit. The arrow indicates the area evidence of any burials, intrusions, features or deposit was found in this area.

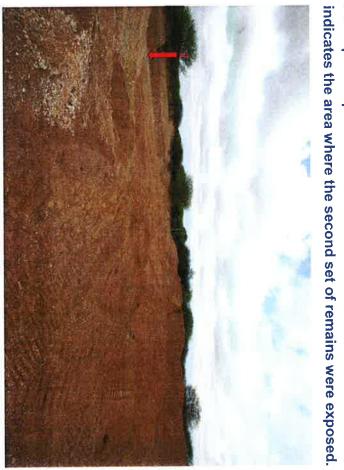


Figure 3-8: Detail view of the borrow pit area where the remains were exposed. Arrow indicates the spoil heap from where some additional bones were retrieved. Arrow 2 1a indicates the spoil heap where the first skeletal material was noted. Arrow 1b



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from the surrounding matrix to determine context. documenting position of remains and manual excavation to retrieve remains and artefacts

fragments and any material culture. The 5 mm and 1 mm sieves were abandoned after no screened through sieves comprising 20 mm, 5 mm and 1 mm mesh to retrieve surrounding matrix. Instead, soil left on site that contained the skeletal remains was material was retrieved. This ensured that nearly all bones from the right side of the remains This was however not implemented as the remains were completely out of context and were recovered, vertebrae, rib fragments and hand and foot bones. bone

screen the soil. The dumped soil heaps were spread out and levelled to a depth of around was also searched. However, as this soil comprised around 12 m³, it was not feasible to 50 mm. This layer was subsequently 'screened' using steel rakes. The remaining long bones Soil that was already removed and dumped on the platform before the remains were noticed and others were retrieved in this manner.



Figure 4-1: Screening through spoil heap where first skeletal remains were found.



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Figure 4-2: Borrow pit material dumped on platform area. The material that contained the skeletal remains is in the left foreground.

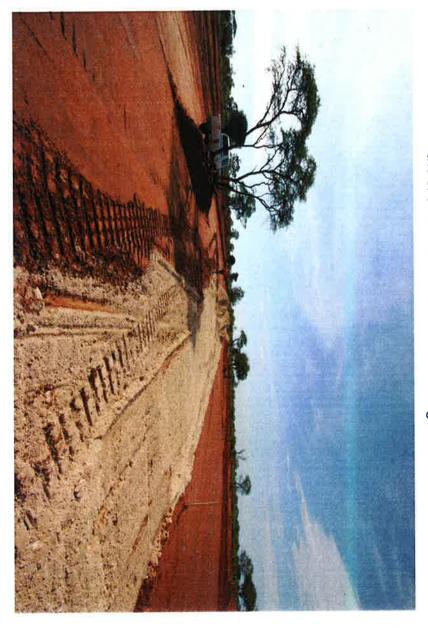


Figure 4-3: Material from borrow pit spread out on platform area.

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Figure 4-4: 'Screening' of borrow pit material by raking through soil.

skeletal remains were retrieved with little damage. Through employing this adapted methodology, more than 95% of bones making up the first

screened using a 20 mm mesh. appeared that the excavator exposed this set of remains in a single action. The 'scoop' that not in any context and were much more fragmented and damaged than the first find. It contained the remains was The second set of remains that was found was collected on site. The remains were similarly emptied and all bones retrieved. The remaining soil was

was identified by the EO when the first remains were exposed No material culture was found with either set of remains., although a single ceramic fragment

5 Findings

during the exposure thereof by the excavating plant. The condition of the remains were in a good state of preservation although damage occurred

were other surface features identified such as grain bin foundations. The site where the remains were found was not identified in any previous assessments. negligible, comprising only a few scattered ceramics. No evidence of deposit was noted, nor Surface indicator that may have indicated the presence of an extensive settlement were

surrounding matrix was screened using sieves with ~2 mm and 20 mm apertures. This may No material culture was found associated with the human remains even though the

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described in previous reports on mitigation of several sites in the area be indicative of the relative transient and poor nature of the settlements found in the area,

6 Way forward

The following action items and recommendations are proposed with regard to the rescued remains and possible future finds.

- analyses and interim curation. Analyses should include: The remains will be delivered to the Department of Anatomy, University of Pretoria for
- Palaeoanthropological analysis to determine the age, sex, race and any health status of the remains; and
- Carbon dating of the remains.
- allow access to the remains if required. In the interim, the remains should be curated The remains should be returned to site and reburied in a prepared grave that will by the Department of Anatomy.
- the remains, the following recommendations should be considered: Given the lack of surface indicators that may have indicted the possible presence of
- place training to screen sites where earthworks are expected before any activity takes The onsite Environmental Officer (EO), or persons delegated, should undergo
- density thereof; Screening should take into account the presence of any material culture and the
- a watching brief during initial clearance of topsoil; may include human remains, an archaeologist should be requested to undertake Should the EO expect that there may be a likelihood of subsurface deposit that
- a grader or similar equipment to reduce the chances of exposing human remains Consideration should be given to clearing topsoil ahead of bulk earthworks using as have occurred;
- . archaeological test excavations; Any remains that are identified in this manner should be recorded in situ through
- archaeologist for the duration of the construction period as necessary to reduce any Boikarabelo negative impacts on unidentified sites Coal Mine should further consider the appointment of an onsite

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Appendix A: Environmental Incident Reports (Accidental Discovery of Human Remains)

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Accidental Discovery of Human Remains at Boikarabelo Coal Mine

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Appendix B: Rescue Permit

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An Agency of the Department of Arts and Culture

PERMIT: Excavation

PermitID: 1149

In terms of Section 35(4) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Permit Holder: Mr Johan Nel Digby Wells Environmental Fern Isle Section 10 359 Pretoria Avenue Randburg

Site: Archaeological Burial at Site 002 Boikarabelo (Site 002 Boikarabelo)

Boikarabelo. This permit is for the rescue of archaeological human remains identified during mining activities ല്പ

Conditions:

- 1. If Mr Nel is not to be present on the site at all times SAHRA must be provided with the names and qualifications of the authorised representatives.
- 2. Adequate recording methods as specified in the Regulations and Guidelines pertaining to the National on a plan of site Heritage Resources Act must be employed. Note that the position of the excavation must be marked
- 3. A full analysis and documentation of the remains themselves and of the context of the remains must be undertaken.
- 4 The archaeological human remains will be analysed at the University of Pretoria.
- <u>ທ</u> After analyses the remains will be reburied on the mine property on the farm Vlugtkraal 273LQ
- SAHRA must be consulted about the position of the reburial.
- 7. An report on the results of the excavation and analyses must be submitted to SAHRA before the end of December 2014.
- œ Reprints of all published papers or copies of theses and/or reports resulting from this work must be lodged with SAHRA.
- 9. If a published report has not appeared within three years of the lapsing of this permit, the report required in terms of the permit will be made available to researchers on request.
- 10. It is the responsibility of Mr Nel to obtain permission from the landowner for each visit, and conditions
- 11. It is the responsibility of Mr NeI to fill in excavations and protect sites during and after excavation to the of access imposed by the landowner must be observed.
- 12 SAHRA shall not be liable for any losses, damages or injuries to persons or properties as a result of satisfaction of SAHRA and the landowner.
- ü SAHRA reserves the right to cancel this permit by notice to the permit holder. any activities in connection with this permit.

This permit is valid from 12/12/2013 to 31/12/2014.



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incurred in the event of the suspension or retraction of this permit. within 14 days from the date of the permit. SAHRA may not be held responsible for any costs or losses Please note that this permit may be suspended should an appeal against the decisions be received by SAHRA



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Appendix C: Physical Anthropological Analysis Report







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1. Human skeletal remains

be conducted. Excess soil on the skeletons was removed using soft brushes, and areas of more visual to poor. The remains required cleaning before any inventory could be taken and before the analysis could The remains presented three individuals. The remains were fully skeletonized, and preservation was fair skeletal remains and brushes. Overall the cleaning process was performed in such a way as to prevent any damage to the importance such as bones indicating pathology or trauma, as well as the teeth, were cleaned with water

this analytical procedure. Standardised osteometric measurements and calculations, morphological characteristics were used, where possible, to determine the demographic profile of each data collection from human skeletal remains" by Buikstra and Ubelaker (1994) was used The analysis of the remains entailed a standard physical anthropological analysis and the "Standards for individual. together with as a basis for

2. Analytical methods

estimated using the following methods: changes in the sternal ends of ribs (Loth and İşcan, 2000a). lşcan, and Ubelaker, 1994). Age at death was estimated by the degree of epiphyseal closure (Krogman and The remains were cleaned and analysed using standard physical anthropological techniques (Buikstra Ortner, 2003) which would suggest an older age. The fragmentary and incomplete nature of some of the (Brothwell, 1981; Hillson, 1998) were noted for each individual where present (Loth and İşcan, 2000a: surface of the ilium (Lovejoy et al., 1985). Any observable degenerative changes and dental wear suture closure (Acsádi and Nemeskéri, 1970; Krogman and İşcan 1986), and changes in the auricular changes in the face of the pubic symphysis of the pelvis (Brooks and Suchey, 1990), status of cranial 2000a; Scheuer and Black, 2004) for possible adolescent individuals. For adult individuals, age was skeletal elements however hampered the use of some of these techniques. 1986; Scheuer and Black, 2004; Schaefer et al., 2009) and tooth development (Loth and İşcan,

and iscan, 2000, Patriquin et al., 2003a). For the determination of ancestry both non-metric and metric the skull and pelvis as well as by comparing single long bone measurements to known standards (Loth pelvis and the skull were used where discerning features were preserved (Krogman and İşcan, 1986; techniques were used where possible. This included the non-metric characteristics observable from the Loth and Işcan, 2000). Metric assessment of sex was done by canonical discriminant function analyses of Both metric and non-metric techniques were used to determine sex. Non-metric characteristics of the







skull and mandible (Işcan et. al., 2000; Krogman and Işcan, 1986) and metric analysis of the cranial suggests an African ancestry for these individuals. Steyn, 1999; Patriquin et al., 2003b). The archaeological context of the remains, however, already dimension indices and canonical discriminant function coefficients for the skull and mandible (iscan and

Stature was determined by regression formulae for single long bone measurements where possible (Lundy and Feldesman, 1987).

Rodríguez-Martin, 1998; Hillson, 1998; Ortner, 2003). Several sources were referred to for the pathology observed on the skeleton and teeth (Aufderheide and

<u>3. Results</u>

Skeleton 001:

1.1. Preservation and inventory

fragmented. The remains were covered in grey ashy soil, often associated with archaeological burials in present included the left patella, the left ischium and acetabulum, three cervical vertebrae (C2, C5 and elements were fragmented and damaged due to postmortem alterations. Those postcranial elements not which were slightly damaged. Most of the postcranial remains were present however some skeletal bridge and a portion of the maxilla. The mandible was complete except for the left and right condyles ash middens. Almost all of the cranial bones were present except for the right zygomatic bone, orbital The remains were in a fair state of preservation except for the lower right leg which was completely metatarsal and all five right metatarsals, and finally all of the phalanges of the foot. metacarpals and all five right metacarpals, twelve phalanges, two left tarsals and six right tarsals, one left epiphyses of the left and right fibula, the right talus, seven left carpals and all eight right carpals, three left right ulna, the shaft of the right tibia (which was completely fragmented), the proximal and three left and two right ribs identified), the distal third/epiphysis of the left radius and ulna, the complete C6), three thoracic vertebrae (T2, T11 and T12), the sternum, several ribs (severely fragmented with only distal



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1.2. Age at death

presented as phase 6 which indicated an age range of between 47 and 55 years. Some degenerative auricular surface suggested an age range of between 45 and 60 years. The sternal ends of the ribs completely fused suggesting an age older than 30 years. Changes to the pubic symphyses and the right The medial ends of the clavicle, spheno-occipital synchondrosis, and S1 and S2 of the sacrum were individual. A final age estimate of 45 to 55 was given for this individual. changes could be observed in the vertebrae and pelvis also suggesting an older adult age for this

1.3. Sex

skull presented with a prominent nuchal crest, large mastoid processes, a sloped forehead, a well-The morphological features observable on the skull and pelvis were consistent with that of a male. The sciatic notch and the absence of a pre-auricular sulcus, a ventral arch, subpubic concavity and an developed glabella with a well-defined supraorbital ridge. The pelvis presented with a narrow greater ischiopubic ramus ridge.

circumference at the nutrient foramen all fell well within the limits indicated for males. (Refer to Table 2 for all postcranial measurements) femoral head diameter, femoral midshafts circumference, tibial proximal epiphyseal breadth and the tibial know standards for males and females. The humeral head diameter, humeral epicondylar breadth, Metric assessment of sex was done by using single long bone measurements and comparing these to

This individual was therefore classified as male based on the morphological and metric characteristics

1.4. Ancestry

ancestry. The skull was long and low with wide nasal openings and guttered nasal sills and a prognathic The morphological features observable on the skull were consistent with that associated with an African facial profile (Figs. 1&2).

(Refer to Table 1 for cranial measurements) function analysis (Function 1 = index (104.76) falling within the limits of South African Negroid populations. Canonical discriminant Metric analysis revealed the same result with the cranial index (69.94), nasal index (56.88), and gnathic -0.389962119) also suggested an African ancestry for this individual



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Figure 2: Profile view of skull (Skeleton 001)



1.5. Stature

Stature was calculated using the physiological length of the tibia. A stature of 167.16 ± 2.78 cm was obtained. According to Steyn and Smith (2007) this is an average stature for this population group.

1.6. Dentition

third molars, the lower right first molar, first premolar, the canine, and the lower left central incisor, canine, Teeth that were present included the upper left canine, first and second premolars, the first, second and first premolar and third molar.

second premolar and first and second molars were lost antemortem. All other teeth were lost postmortem. the left central incisor, the lower right second and third molars, the second premolar and the lower left The upper right first and second molars, first and second premolars, canine, lateral and central incisors,







the antemortem tooth loss may be attributed to abscess formation visible in the alveolar bone. Another Dental pathology included antemortem tooth loss (Fig. 3) as already mentioned above. In the region of was observed on the upper left canine, premolars and molars, as well as the lower right first molar, first within the alveolar bone. These teeth were however not yet shed. Severe occlusal weathering (Fig. 3) abscess was observed in the region of the upper left first and second molars on the buccal side and the upper right first premolar and the lower right second premolar as well as the second and third molars containing teeth indicated the possible presence of periodontal disease. (Refer to Table 3 for dental Dental calculus deposits were observed on most of the teeth. Alveolar regression in the areas still premolar and canine, and the lower left third molar. These areas presented with severe dentine exposure. measurements)



Figure 3: Antemortem tooth loss and occlusal wear on the mandible (Skeleton 001)

1.7. Trauma and pathology

aspect of the left tibia shaft. Slight periostitis could be observed on the distal third of the left and right fibula as well as on the medial the clavicle, pelvis and cervical vertebrae. The lumbar vertebrae presented with osteophytes (Fig. 4). No trauma could be observed. Degenerative pathology could be observed in the form of osteoarthritis in



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Figure 4: Osteophytes on L5 (Skeleton 001)

1.8. Summary

the upper joints and vertebrae. Periostitis was also observable on the lower extremities. abscesses, dental calculus and periodontal disease were observed along with degenerative pathology to He was of African ancestry with an estimated stature of 167.16 ± 2.78 cm. Antemortem tooth loss, dental The remains were that of an adult male individual between the ages of 45 and 55 at the time of his death.

Skeleton 002:

2.1. Preservation and inventory

due to postmortem weathering. Almost all of the postcranial remains were present except for the right the frontal and parietal bones, the sphenoid and zygomatic bones were missing. The palatine was absent ash middens. Even though the skull was fragmented most of the cranial bones were present. Portions of fragmented. The remains were covered in grey ashy soil, often associated with archaeological burials in In general the remains were in a fair state of preservation except for the skull which was completely of the foot. phalanges of the hand, two left tarsals, five right tarsals, two left and right metatarsals and ten phalanges radius, the complete left ulna, six left carpals, seven right carpals, three left and right metacarpals, nine proximal epiphysis and proximal third of the right humerus shaft, the distal third and epiphysis of the right patella, portions of the sacrum, the right pubic bone, one thoracic vertebrae (T8), one right rib, the







2.2. Age at death

that this individual was around the age of 21 when he died. A final age estimate of 20-23 years at the time fusion had recently occurred. The fusion time for the proximal humerus is 16-21 years which indicates between 20 and 23 years. The humeral head also presented with a very faint fusion line suggesting that an age younger than 25 years. The iliac crest still presented with a fusion line suggesting an age range of suggesting an age younger than 29 years. S1 and S2 of the sacrum were completely unfused suggesting young adult age. The medial ends of the clavicles were fused but still presented with a fusion line The upper and lower third molars were in almost full occlusion and showed no signs of wear suggesting of death was therefore given here മ

2.3. Sex

square shaped and presented with some gonial flaring. The pelvis presented with narrow greater sciatic skull presented with a prominent nuchal crest and a well-defined mental eminence. The mandible was The morphological features observable on the skull and pelvis were consistent with that of males. The notches and the absence of ventral arches and pre-auricular sulci.

some overlap with female standards. This may however be due to this individual's young age. diameter and tibial distal breadth (refer to Table 2) were consistent with measurements obtained for male standards for males and females. The humeral head diameter, femoral epicondylar breadth, femoral head Metric assessment was done by using single long bone dimensions and comparing those with known individuals. The humeral epicondylar breadth and tibial proximal breadth measurements however showed

Based on morphological and metric assessment this individual was classified as male

2.4. Ancestry

findings. The archaeological nature of the remains however already suggests an African ancestry for fragmented nature of the skull and pelvis no metric analysis could be done to confirm the morphological The morphological features observable on the skull were consistent with someone of African ancestry. these individuals. The orbits were square shaped and the nasal opening was wide with guttered nasal sills. Due to the







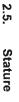






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population group (Steyn and Smith, 2007). 162.93 ± 2.371 cm was obtained for this individual. This stature is regarded as being short for this Stature was determined by using the physiological length of the femur and tibia combined. A stature of

2.6. Dentition

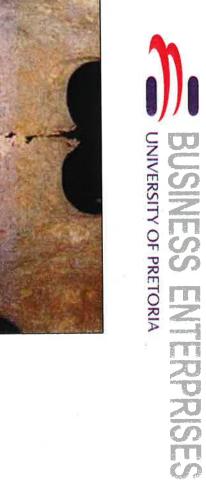
Almost all the teeth were present except for the upper left central incisor which was lost postmortem. also observed on the upper central and lateral incisors (Fig. 6). The medial and lateral surfaces of each regression (Fig. 5) was observed possibly suggestive of periodontal disease. Dental modification was third molars. These deposits presented as thin bands on the buccal surfaces of the teeth. Some alveolar pathology that could be observed included dental calculus deposits on almost all the teeth except the Slight occlusal weathering was observed on the upper and lowers left and right first molars. Dental tooth were filed down to create a sharpened appearance (Fig. 7).











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Figure 6: Dental modification of the upper central and lateral incisors (Skeleton 002).



2.7. Trauma and pathology

No trauma could be observed. Pathology that could be observed included slight cribra orbitalia in both the left and right orbital roofs (Fig. 8). Slight periostitis was also observed on the medial surfaces of the tibia.



Figure 8: Possible cribra orbitalia in left orbital roof (Skeleton 002)

2.8. Summary

upper central and lateral incisors. Skeletal pathology that could be observed included slight cribra orbitalia African ancestry with an estimated stature of 162.93 ± 2.371 cm. Dental pathology included dental The remains were that of a young adult male between 20 and 23 at the time of his death. He was of and periostitis on the medial surfaces of the tibiae calculus and possible periodontal disease. The individual also presented with dental modifications to his

Skeleton 003:

3.1. Preservation and inventory

cranial remains present were the occipital bone and portions of the zygomatic bones. Post cranially the sacrum, a portion of the left ischium, the complete right os coxa, three thoracic vertebrae, two lumbar following skeletal elements were present: the left clavicle, portions of the left and right scapula, the The remains were in a poor state of preservation and were mostly fragmented and incomplete. The only







and middle third of the left tibia and the proximal epiphysis of the right tibia, the distal thirds of the left and the proximal and middle third of the right ulna, the proximal and middle third of the right femur, the distal vertebrae, five left ribs, two right ribs and eleven fragments, the left and right humerus, the right radius, right fibula, two right metacarpals (first and third), one phalange from the hand (middle), one left calcaneus, and one distal phalange from the foot.

3.2. Age at death

than 19. A final age estimate of 20 - 25 years at the time of death was given here. visible on the distal radius suggesting that fusion was recently completed and suggesting an age older S2 of the sacrum was also not fused suggesting an age younger than 25. A slight fusion line was still The medial end of the clavicle was not yet completely fused, suggesting an age younger than 30. S1 and

3.3. Sex

preauricular sulcus was also present with multiple scars suggestive of child bearing (Fig. 9). The pubic bone presented with subpubic concavity and an ischiopubic ramus ridge. The greater sciatic The morphological features observable on the pelvis were consistent with those associated with females. notche was wide along with the subpubic angle. The pelvic inlet also seemed to be oval shaped. A



Figure 9: Pre-auricular sulcus with multiple scars

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3.4. Ancestry

was classified as African. this individual. Based on the metric analysis and the archaeological nature of the remains this individual Canonical discriminant function analysis of pelvic dimensions (Function 4) revealed a Black ancestry for Due to the poor preservation of the skull no discernable features indicative of ancestry could be observed.

3.5. Stature

obtained which is quite a tall stature for someone of this population group The stature was determined by using the length of the radius. A stature of 167.47 \pm 3.387 cm was

3.6. Dentition

No teeth were recovered.

3.7. Trauma and pathology

No trauma or pathology could be observed.

3.8. Summary

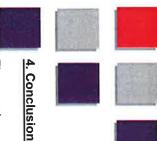
death. She was of African ancestry with a stature of 167.47 ± 3.387 cm. No trauma or pathology could be The remains presented that of a young adult female between the ages of 20 and 25 at the time of her observed.













and periodontal disease. Degenerative pathology was also noted to the upper joints and vertebrae 55 at the time of his death. He presented with antemortem tooth loss, dental abscesses, dental calculus sulcus indicates child birth. Multiple scarring may suggest that she had more than one child. of 20 and 25 at her time of death. She did not present with any pathology. The presence of a pre-auricular deficiency during childhood. The remains of skeleton 003 were that of an adult female between the ages (Ortner, 2003). In this case the pathology does not seem to be active, suggesting a possible vitamin disease, cribra orbitalia and slight periostitis which are often associated with a vitamin C deficiency to his upper central and lateral incisors. Pathology that could be observed included possible periodontal between the ages of 20 and 23 at the time of his death. This individual presented with tooth modifications consistent with someone of older age. Skeleton 002 presented the remains of another adult male The remains presented that of three individuals. Skeleton 001 was that of an adult male between 45 and





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Table 1: Cranial measurements

All measurements in mm.

- skeletal element was absent or damaged and therefore measurements could not be obtained

* indicates right side

Interorbital breadth	Biorbital breadth	Orbital height	Orbital breadth	Nasal breadth	Nasal height	Upper facial breadth	Min. frontal breadth	Upper facial height	Biauricular breadth	Maxillo-alveolar length	Maxillo-alveolar breadth	Basion-prosthion length	Cranial base length	Basion-bregma height	Bizygomatic diam.	Max. cranial breadth	Max. cranial length	Skeletal dimension
24.23	200	36.38	42.59	29	50,98	111	99.57	67.48	135	Ē	3	110	105	145		135	193	Skeleton 001
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Biasterionic breadth	Mandibular length	Max. ramus height	Max. ramus breadth	Min. ramus breadth	Bicondylar breadth	Bigonial width	Breadth of mandibular body	Height of mandibular body	Chin height	Mastoid length	Foramen magnum breadth	Foramen magnum length	Occipital chord	Parietal chord	Frontal chord	
115				42	1.5	95	13	,	37.93	38.75	33.48	40	104	117	120	
	117	54.51*	45.37*	38.89*	119.49	102.33	14.15	39.57	42	22.39	Ĕ	ä	r	1		
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Ulna medlat. diameter	Ulna antpost diameter	Ulna max. length	Radius medlat. diameter midshaft	Radius antpost. diameter midshaft	Radius max. length	Humerus min. diameter midshaft	Humerus max. diameter midshaft	Humerus vertical diameter head	Humerus epicondylar breadth	Humerus max. length	Scapula breadth	Scapula height	Clavicle supinf. diameter midshaft	Clavicle antpost. diameter midshaft
э	ı	(DK)	a		ı	17	22	45	62	320	3	180	12.49	9.76
14.92*	13.76*	272*	14.19	10.48	255	15.69*	20.61*	43.15*	55.74*	322*	æ	1	10.51	8.51
10.37	15.96	16	13.52*	12.06*	264*	14.21*	21.47*	38.20*	52*	326*	а	1	11.03	7.13



Table 2: Post-cranial measurements

All measurements in mm.

- skeletal element was absent or damaged and therefore measurements could not be obtained

* indicates right side

Clavicle max. length

Skeletal dimension

Skeleton 001

Skeleton 002

Skeleton 003

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Tibia physiological length	Tibia length	Femur midshaft circumference	Femur medlat. Midshaft diameter	Femur antpost. midshaft diameter	Femur medlat. subtrochanteric diameter	Femur antpost. subtrochanteric diameter	Femur max. diameter femur head	Femur epicondylar breadth	Femur bicondylar length	Femur max. length	Os coxae ischium length	Os coxae pubis length	Os coxae iliac breadth	Os coxae height	base	Sacrum max. transverse diameter	Sacrum antsup. breadth	Sacrum anterior length	Ulna min. circumference	Ulna physiological length	
395	410	90	26.51	31.07	32.55	27.16	46	X	i).	9	,	C.	ļ	ı		50.72	¢	/. a	Ċ I		
369	383	81*	22.07*	25.23*	29.92*	24.63*	43.52*	77*	457*	461*	ĩ	r	Jan J	a			r	830.)	37*	245*	
	e,	80*	25.76*	25.04*	30.22*	21.91*	41.90*		L.	(0)	84.86	75.59	151	201		50.31	X	120	ij.	ĩ	







Calcaneus middle breadth	Calcaneus max. length	Fibula max. diameter midshaft	Fibula max. length	Tibia circumference nutrient foramen	Tibia medlat. diameter nutrient foramen	Tibia max. diameter nutrient foramen	Tibia max. distal epiphyseal breadth	Tibia max. prox. epiphyseal breadth
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Table 3: Dental measurements

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All measurements were taken in mm.

dentition was absent or damaged and therefore measurements could not be obtained

* indicates right side. MD=mesiodistal, BL = buccolingual

Maxilla	Skeleton 001	Skeleton 002	Skeleton 003	Mandible	<u>Skeleton</u> 001	<u>Skeleton</u> 002	<u>Skeleton</u> 003
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BL I1	,	7.50*	ĩ	BL 11	ï	6.08	1
MD 12	15	Ê	Ĩ	MD 12		5.69	â
BL I2	ı	6.86		BL 12	(4 ())	6.23	
MD C	а	8.03		MD C	6.73	7.04	×
BL C	r	8.37		BL C	8.24	8.62	э
MD PM1	x	6.87	31	MD PM1	7.91	7.11	i a c
BL PM1	3	9.62	(ach	BL PM1	8.47	8.52	
MD PM2	7.19	6.65	ï	MD PM2	Ĩ	7.20	
BL PM2	9.25	8.87),	BL PM2	ą	8.12	H u I
MD M1	3	10.85		MD M1	10.86*	11.75	•
BL M1	11.30	11.91	ĸ	BL M1	11.64*	1,1.52	
MD M2	ĸ	10.26	8	MD M2	0	10.52	
BL M2	12.05	11.15	<u>a</u> =	BL M2	(ē ,}	10.71	8
MD M3	9.79	9.16	L)	MD M3	¢	11.62	3
BL M3	11.65	11.59	X	BL M3	10.68	10.68	