

MOLA HEADLAND INFRASTRUCTURE



BURIAL SHEET

Site code A14	Area/Field TEA20	Sub-area/Trench _____	Context number (203645)
ECB #	Subgroup _____	Parent context [203589]	

STRATIGRAPHIC MATRIX

BURIAL TYPE

		(203644)			Inhumation ☒
		this context			Cremation ☐
		203589			Multiple burials ☐
					Disarticulated remains ☐

GENERAL CONDITIONS

Diagram				Preservation poor ☒ fair ☐ good ☐																																								
RIGHT	A		LEFT	Physical condition																																								
	B			☐ whole ☐ broken ☒ crushed ☐ damaged by excavation ☐ damaged before finding																																								
D	F	G	E	C	Orientation																																							
K	J	H	I	K	Position																																							
					☒ N-S ☐ E-W ☐ NE-SW ☐ NW-SE	☐ supine ☐ prone ☒ flexed ☐ crouched ☐ unclear ☐ other*																																						
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CROSS REFERENCE

Sample nos	Finds nos F70109 F70110	Photo nos 2004583 - 2004616 - 2004064 -67 2004077-80	Drawing nos Surveyed: plan ☒ section ☐ levels ☐ (FROM PHOTOGRAMMETRY) 200602
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If present, the sternum can be grouped with either rib side and the hyoid bone can be grouped with the mandible.
Use the diagram for further information - shade bones present and mark extent of truncations.

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2004032-37

2004505 - 2004615

2004077-72

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

(any further details that may be important for understanding the context, including items marked * overleaf)

THE BODY WAS FOUND AT THE BOTTOM OF THE DITCH [203659]. IT WAS NS ORIENTED (AS THE DITCH) WITH THE HEAD TOWARDS SOUTH. IT WAS LYING FLEXED ON HIS LEFT SIDE (LATERAL DECUBITUS), THE ARMS WERE PARTIALLY CROSSED, WITH THE RIGHT HAND ON TOP OF THE LEFT FOREARM, WHILE THE LEFT HAND WAS LYING BETWEEN THE FEMURS. THE RIGHT LEG, FLEXED, WAS ON TOP OF THE ~~THE~~ LEFT ONE, WITH THE TWO KNEES CLOSE TO EACH OTHER; THE FEET WERE FAR APART.

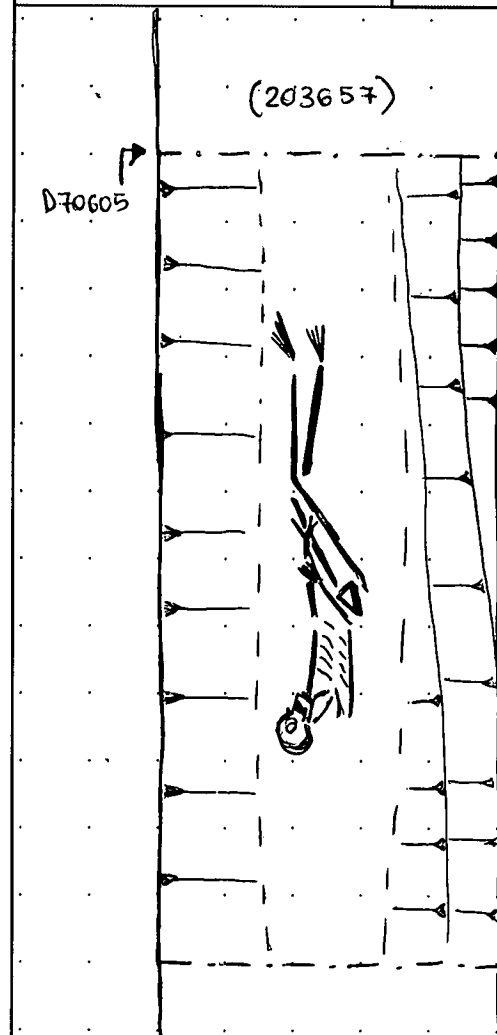
SEX DETERMINATION MALE. GENERAL STRONG CONSTITUTION, REALLY TALL, PELVIS NOT PRESERVED; FEMUR HEAD NOT PRESERVED; HEAD: STRONG AND BIG MASTOID, ~~ENLARGED~~ SQUARE EYE ORBITS WITH BLUNT EDGE; STRONG GLABELLA, SLOPING FOREHEAD, STRONG JAW WITH T CHIN AND ~~MANDIBULAR~~ VERTICAL MANDIBULAR RAMUS.

AGE DETERMINATION: PELVIS NOT PRESERVED. THICK DIPLOE, ~~NO~~ SYNOSTOSIS OF CRANIAL SUTURES, REDUCTION OF ALVEOLAR BONE, TWO MOLARS MISSING, DENTAL TARTARUS. NOT YOUNG. (EPIPHYSES)

POSSIBLE PATHOLOGY: ~~NO~~ ON THE PROXIMAL ASPECTS OF THE LEFT HUMERUS, A BONE REMODELING ~~WAS~~ WAS VISIBLE, MAYBE DUE TO SOME SORT OF INJURE DURING THE LIFE OF THE MAN.

Refer to context

(consider: location plan, detailed plan showing relationships, section showing fills/deposits as appropriate)



POST-DEPOSITIONAL PROCESS

PRIMARY DEPOSITION.

THE DECOMPOSITION PROCESS TOOK PLACE WHERE THE BODY HAD BEEN BURIED ~~RIGHT AFTER~~ (RIGHT AFTER DEATH) AND FOUND ALL THE ANATOMICAL CONNECTIONS (STABLES AND UNSTABLES) WERE PRESERVED. THE JAW WAS STILL ~~LOCATED~~ LOCATED IN ITS NATURAL POSITION, WITHIN THE SKULL; THE PELVIS CONNECTIONS (WHERE VISIBLE) ~~WAS~~ WAS RESPECTED, AS WELL AS FOR FEMURS AND HUMERUSES. ~~THEREFORE~~ THE RIB CAGE WASN'T FLATTENED. THE VERTEBRAL COLUMN WASN'T DISLOCATED IN ANY PART; ~~THE~~ DUE TO THESE ~~REASONS~~ REASONS, IT IS POSSIBLE TO ASSUME THAT THE DECOMPOSITION HAPPENED IN-SOIL. THE BODY WAS COVERED WITH SOIL (IMMEDIATELY) AFTER THE DEPOSITION. OR AT LEAST VERY SOON. CONSIDERING THE DEPOSITION INSIDE A DITCH AND THE SILTING PROCESS DOCUMENTED IN THE SOUTH FACING SECTION (JUST BEHIND THE FEET OF THE BODY) IT IS POSSIBLE TO ASSUME THAT THE BODY, AFTER BEING DUMP OR DEPOSED ~~AT THE BOTTOM OF THE DITCH~~ WAS ~~QUICKLY~~ COVERED BY CLAY AND ~~THE WATER~~ ~~THE WATER~~.

CONSIDERING THE ~~THE~~ POSITION OF THE BODY (FLEXED, WITH ARMS AND LEGS VERY CLOSE TOGETHER FOR THE HEAD + VERTICALIZATION OF THE CLAVICULAS) IT IS PLAUSIBLE TO ADMIT THE PRESENCE OF A SHROUD.

* [IT WAS DETECTED ~~AT THE BOTTOM OF THE DITCH~~ CLOSE TO THE BODY (AND COMPLETELY ABSENT IN THE OTHER SECTION) IT WAS PROBABLY DUE TO THE PRESENCE OF THE BODY BLOCKING THE USUAL WATER FLOW].