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Body Identified; Likely Suspected Kidnapper

(KAIR)--A Silver Lake resident, suspected of involvement in a Topeka kidnapping last last year, is identified as the person whose body was found in rural Jackson County Sunday afternoon.

According to Sheriff Tim Morse, his office believes the body is that of 32-year-old Jon Paul Sumpter.

The kidnapping occurred on December 24th, and the Sheriff's Office recovered a stolen Ford Escape, taken from Topeka, and allegedly used in the kidnapping, the next day. The vehicle was located in the area of 214th and Y. Road, just three-quarters of a mile from where the body was discovered.

The body was transported to Kansas City for an autopsy Sunday to determine the cause of death.

The body was found around 2:00 by a hunter about a half-mile south of Nebo State Fishing Lake, two miles southwest of Larkinburg.

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