

Missouri River body identified

(KAIR)--The body located in the Missouri River near Atchison Friday night has been identified.

Buchanan County Sheriff Bill Puett, in a release, identified the body as 39-year-old Michael Zorn, of Saint Joseph.

Puett, in Sunday evening's release, said preliminary id of the body followed an autopsy, with those results pending.

It's believed Zorn was homeless at the time of his death, and the Sheriff's Office was working to locate any potential relatives of Zorn. The Sheriff's Office, late Sunday, said information related to Zorn was received from the public and Deputies were continuing efforts to locate potential relatives.

Zorn's body was recovered from the Missouri River by Buchanan County authorities after the Atchison County Sheriff's Office, aboard the Atchison County Rescue boat, notified the Missouri agency that the body was on the Missouri side of the river.

That followed response to the scene by the Atchison County authorities around 8:30 Friday night after the body was reported being seen about 2-miles north of the Atchison city limits.

(KAIR)--The Friday evening discovery of a body in the Missouri River, near Atchison, is confirmed by Atchison authorities, but details regarding the identity, or circumstances of the death, are not immediately determined.

Atchison Police Chief Mike Wilson told MSC News the body was recovered on the Missouri side of the river by Buchanan County, Missouri authorities.

That followed response to the river by Atchison-area based rescue personnel, including Atchison County Rescue and the Atchison County Sheriff's Office, with the body reported about two-miles north of the city limits. Those two agencies took to the river, aboard a rescue boat, with Atchison County Sheriff Jack Laurie telling MSC News that based on the location of the body, the Buchanan County Sheriff's Office was notified.

As of 9:00 Friday night, the situation was in the hands of Buchanan County authorities, but Wilson said depending on the circumstances and identification of

the body, the investigation may expand in scope.

Emergency crews were called to the scene around 8:30 Friday night after the body was spotted in the river.

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