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UPDATE: Body of missing man recovered in Missouri River

BUCHANAN COUNTY, MO – The victim in a Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI) and Doniphan County Sheriff's Office death investigation was recovered in the Missouri River late Saturday morning.

At approximately 11:30 a.m. Saturday, May 27, a citizen spotted a body in the Missouri River, south of St. Joseph, MO in Buchanan County. The Buchanan County Sheriff's Office responded and recovered the body, which has been identified as Daniel Purvis, age 64, of St. Joseph, MO. Authorities had been searching the Wolf River and other nearby bodies of water for Purvis since Monday, May 22.

Christopher Colhour, age 40, from the St. Joseph area, was arrested May 22 for the theft of a 2009 Chevy Traverse which belonged to Mr. Purvis. Colhour remains in custody in Doniphan County Jail due to his suspected involvement in the disappearance of Mr. Purvis. Further charges are pending.

The agencies who assisted the KBI and the Doniphan County Sheriff's Office in this investigation or search were the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism, the Missouri Search and Rescue K-9 Unit, the Overland Park Police Department Dive Team, the St. Joseph Police Department, the Elwood Police Department, the Wathena Police Department, the Atchison County Sheriff's Office, and the St. Joseph Fire Department.

This investigation is ongoing. Nothing further will be released at this time.

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Search underway in Doniphan County for missing man

DONIPHAN COUNTY – The Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI) has been asked to assist the Doniphan County Sheriff's Office in a search for a missing man.

On Monday, May 22, just before 9 a.m. the Doniphan County Sheriff's Office received information that led them to begin searching for a St. Joseph, Missouri man. The vehicle of the missing man was located shortly after. The KBI was asked to assist in the search at approximately 10 a.m. Monday.

The investigation progressed to a search of the Wolf River in Doniphan County. The Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism is assisting KBI agents and Doniphan County Sheriff's deputies at the river.

This investigation is ongoing. Nothing further will be released at this time.

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