

Competency Evaluation for Suspect in Disappearance

(KNZA)--A St. Joseph area man accused of stealing a SUV belonging to a man whose body was recovered from the Missouri River last month will undergo a competency evaluation.

A Doniphan County judge Tuesday granted a motion filed by the attorney for 40-year-old Christopher Colhour for the evaluation, which is to be conducted by Kanza Mental Health.

A pre-trial hearing, which had been scheduled in the case, was placed on hold.

Colhour has been charged with felony theft.

The Buchanan County Sheriff's Department recovered the body of 64-year-old St. Joseph resident Daniel Purvis from the Missouri River, south of St. Joseph, on May 27th after it was spotted by a citizen.

Authorities had been searching the Wolf River and other nearby bodies of water for Purvis since May 22nd.

Colhour was arrested May 22nd for the theft of a 2009 Chevy Traverse belonging to Purvis.

The Kansas Bureau of Investigation has identified Colhour as a suspect in Purvis' disappearance, and says further charges are pending.

He remains in the Doniphan County Jail, held without bond.

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