

Body recovered in river identified; drowning listed as cause of death

(KAIR)--The man whose body was recovered from the Missouri River at Atchison on [Sunday](#) has been publicly identified.

Atchison Police Chief Mike Wilson Wednesday afternoon said 53-year-old Donald Spradling had been a resident of St. Joseph, Missouri for the past two years. Originally from south-central Missouri, Wilson said Spradling had recently been living in a campsite along the Missouri River, in St. Joseph, where he was frequently seen fishing. He had also frequented a St. Joseph emergency shelter. He was last seen in the area of his campsite last week.

Wilson said the preliminary investigation lists the cause of Spradling's death as drowning, as determined by the pathologist. Foul play is not suspected.

Wilson said the continuing investigation is now jointly being worked by Atchison and St. Joseph police.

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