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Body recovered from dam identified

(KAIR)--A body recovered Friday afternoon from an Atchison watershed dam is that of a missing Atchison man.

Atchison Police Chief Mike Wilson identified the man as Joseph D. Leger, Jr. Wilson told MSC Radio News officers responded to Dam 6 around 2:10 Friday afternoon after it was reported that a body was spotted in the water. “We do know now that it’s a missing person that we’ve been looking for over recent weeks. It is a 47-year-old Atchison male,” Atchison Police Chief Mike Wilson told MSC News. “He was last seen on February 5. He was reported missing to us on February 19, and we’ve had an ongoing investigation focused on trying to locate him.”

A cause of death isn’t immediately known, and Wilson said an autopsy will be conducted in Kansas City.

The Atchison Fire Department assisted with recovering Leger’s body from the water.

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