

Missing man's body found Wednesday

(KNZA)--A tragic ending to an investigation into the whereabouts of a missing Topeka man.

Jackson County Sheriff Tim Morse, in a news release Wednesday night, said the body of Dannie Smith was discovered in Jackson County Wednesday afternoon.

The 70-year-old Smith was reported missing to Topeka Police January 6, and had not been seen since January 4.

When Smith was found, Morse said his chocolate Labrador Retriever, Bear, was at his side.

Smith's body was located a half-mile north of the Shawnee County line, on P4 Road, a mile and a-half west of U.S. Highway 75.

According to Morse, P4 is a low maintenance road that becomes impassable during wet weather, and investigators who received the report of a dead body discovered a pickup truck stuck in the mud upon their arrival.

An autopsy will be conducted in Kansas City, Kansas to determine Smith's cause of death.

Morse said the Topeka resident was known to travel to the reservation in Jackson County to purchase cigarettes.

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