

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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