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KENTUCKY POST

# Body is found in river

## Police do not suspect crime

By Debra Ann Vance, Post staff reporter

A body pulled from the Ohio River in Ludlow over the weekend may be that of a drowning victim, said Ludlow police.

A barge worker found the body of a white male floating between two barges Saturday morning near the foot of Adela Street.

An autopsy performed Saturday evening revealed no extraordinary trauma to the body, said Lt. Col. Benny Johnson, Ludlow's assistant police chief.

"At this point and time, it's still an ongoing death investigation, but it's looking more and more like a drowning," Johnson said.

"We don't know what the circumstances were, but that's the preliminary findings at this time."

Johnson said the man appeared to be in his late 20s or early 30s.

The body appeared to have been in water for quite some time, he said.

"The body was badly decomposed," Johnson said.

"I'm not sure if the medical examiner was able to lift any fingerprints or not," he said. However, Johnson said it may be possible to identify the body through dental records.

The body, which was removed from the river by the Boone County Water Rescue, was taken to St.



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Luke Hospital East in Fort Thomas, where the autopsy was performed. Johnson said police aren't aware of any men missing locally. However, all police agencies in the region were provided with a description of the body. Ludlow police also notified the FBI.

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