

Police seek identity of drowned man

GREENVILLE, Miss. (AP) — Washington County authorities said today they are attempting to learn the identity of a man whose body was found floating on the Mississippi River near here.

Sheriff J. R. Cloy said the body, found Monday, apparently had been in the river 5-10 days.

The man was described as about 50 years old, just under six feet tall and about 175 pounds. He was wearing a blue striped shirt under a dark blue turtleneck sweater.

An autopsy report listed

Man's body found in river at Warfield Point

The body of an unidentified white man was pulled from the Mississippi River shortly before noon today by employees of Waterways Marine Inc. at Warfield Point.

Washington County Sheriff J. R. Cloy and Deputy Albert Tackett were investigating.

The body was taken to Wells Funeral Home by Magnolia Ambulance, Cloy said. An autopsy has been ordered to determine cause of death, he said.

A coroner's jury ruled that the body had been in the water five to 10 days, Cloy said. The cause of death was unknown.

"He had a shirt and turtleneck sweater and one sock on," Cloy said. "We hope something in his clothes will identify him." There was no evidence of foul play involved, the sheriff said.

Buddy Warnock, Waterways manager, said the body was sighted shortly after 11 a.m. by the Motor Vessel Jim Vickers in the Mississippi River channel just west of Tarpley Bar.

"We went out with the Motor Vessel Annie Lou. . .and pulled the body into the docks here" at Waterways Marine, Warnock said. The sheriff was then called.