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# ***Body half unidentified***

PASCAGOULA (AP) — Preliminary tests conducted on half a petrified corpse found in the Pascagoula River on Sunday revealed it is the body of an obese white male who died between six months and one year ago, according to Jackson County Coroner Dave Miller.

The remains, the calcified lower torso of the man, were transported Wednesday to a Hattiesburg laboratory where an anthropologist will perform an autopsy to determine the man's age, height, weight, stature and other factors that will aid Pascagoula Police detectives in their investigation.

"We've had four of five calls from different people and from a couple of agencies about people they've had missing," said Capt. Larry Lee of the Pascagoula Police Department. "But the people they referred to had only been missing for about three weeks."

A set of car keys found in a pants pocket of the corpse have not offered any leads into the man's death, Lee said.

A crewman on an Army Corps of Engineers boat spotted the remains at about 8:15 a.m. Sunday and reported the find to the U.S. Coast Guard Station at Pascagoula.