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# Body found

WALLS, Miss. (AP) — The body of a young man found in the woods by a man out running his bird dogs will undergo an autopsy today to determine the cause of death.

Desoto County law enforcement officials say they have no idea who the man is.

Chief Deputy James Riley said Sunday the white man had been dead between three and five days. He said murder is suspected but the cause of death has not been determined. Riley would not say whether the man had been shot.

The body was found Friday off an abandoned road about a mile from a county road. Riley described the man as 18 to 25 years old and about 5-feet-10 weighing between 160 and 180 pounds.

He had brown curly hair and was wearing a blue and grey University of Mississippi T-shirt, blue jeans and blue tennis shoes.

Riley said no students fitting the description have been reported

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car. The suspects did not show a weapon during the robbery, Martin said.

## State

### Officials can't identify body

WALLS — DeSoto County law enforcement officials are still trying to identify a body found in a kudzu patch near the Walls community on Friday.

Chief Deputy James Riley said Sunday the white man had been dead between three and five days. Riley

described the man as 18 to 25 years old and about 5 feet 10 inches tall, weighing between 160 and 180 pounds.

He had brown, curly hair and was wearing a blue and gray University of Mississippi T-shirt, blue jeans and blue tennis shoes. Riley said murder is suspected but the cause of death has not been determined. Riley would not say whether the man had been shot. The body was found near an abandoned road about a mile from a county road by a man who was out running his bird dogs. An autopsy will be performed today. Riley said no students fitting the description have been reported missing from Ole Miss, which is about 50 miles away.

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## Body identity unknown

WALLS, Miss. (AP) — DeSoto County officials said today an autopsy revealed that a man whose body was found last week was shot to death but authorities have not been able to identify him yet.

Chief Deputy James Riley the man, apparently between 18 and 25 years old, was shot behind the ear with a small-caliber bullet. His body was found in a rural area last Friday and he had been dead an estimated 3-5 days.

Riley said the man had brown curl hair and was wearing blue and grey University of Mississippi T-shirt, blue jeans and blue tennis shoes.

Authorities believe the man may have been killed elsewhere and his body dumped in the area where it was found by a man running his bird dog.

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violations.

## Unnamed murder victim buried

HERNANDO — A young murder victim has been buried in Desoto County after an 11-day investigation failed to determine the man's identity, authorities said.

The county board of supervisors, as required by law, authorized the burial, which was carried out on Tuesday.

Sheriff Denver Sowell said investigators believe the man, between age 18 and 25, was killed somewhere else and dumped in a wooded area near Walls. The body was found Oct. 9.

Investigators said the body had a bullet hole in the head.