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BODY FOUND IN POND IDENTIFIED

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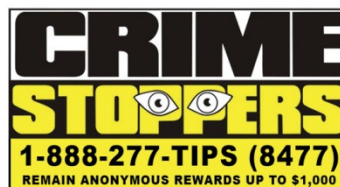
A body that was located floating in a pond in the area of C.R. 210 and Sandy Creek Parkway late Tuesday afternoon has been positively identified as a 43-year old West Central Florida man who had been reported missing. The victim was identified today by the District Medical Examiner's Office as Brian Matthew White, 43, New Port Richey. There were no obvious signs of foul play on the body following an autopsy that was performed this (Wednesday) morning. The results are pending further toxicology testing.

White left his mother's residence in New Port Richey, and travelled to Jacksonville to meet with a family member on or around January 26, 2017. Two days later, after spending several hours with his family in Jacksonville, Brian left and told his mother he was headed back to her residence. Brian never arrived and had not been seen or heard from since that time. Major Crimes Unit Detectives learned that Brian made a purchase at a St Augustine convenience store on January 28.

Detectives learned earlier this week that the vehicle the victim was driving, a Chevrolet Traverse that belonged to his mother, was located abandoned in a parking lot of a C.R. 210 industrial park. Given that information along with the victim's last cell phone records obtained recently putting him in the C.R. 210 area, detectives flew the area in the Sheriff's Office helicopter. They discovered a body floating in a pond on the old KOA campground property off Sandy Creek Parkway. Major Crimes Detectives along with Crime Scene personnel and divers responded to the area to retrieve the body.

Detectives are continuing the investigation.

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