

NEWS RELEASE



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CASE NUMBER: 07-5457

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NATURE OF STORY: Death Investigation

LOCATION: Willamette River / Under the Springfield Bridge

**INVOLVED: Asher, James Atlee, DOB 05/22/53
53 years old**

DETAILS:

The subject located in the Willamette River yesterday has been positively identified as Asher. Asher is a long term resident of Eugene. A sister of Asher's has been located in Portland, Oregon and has been notified.

The cause of death is still under investigation and an autopsy is scheduled for Saturday.

Previously released information:

Lane County Sheriff's Marine Deputies recovered the body of an adult male from the Willamette River under the Springfield Bridge. No identification was found with the body but assorted paperwork located in a back pack found with the body has provided a presumptive identification.

At this time investigators are attempting to locate next of kin before identification is made. The subject is not believed to be a transient as an apartment for the subject has been located in the Eugene area.

Investigators from the Lane County Sheriff's Office and the Medical Examiners Office are assisting in the investigation. The body was put into the custody of the Medical Examiner's Office and transported to the Morgue to be autopsied by this weekend.

At this time the investigation continues into the cause of death and the identification of the subject.

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