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# **N e w s   R e l e a s e**

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## **Body Recovered in Mississippi River**

Sheriff Greg Champagne reports that the St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office with the assistance of Texas EquuSearch, The St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office, and professional divers with the Madcon Corporation recovered the body of Brian Reed late Tuesday afternoon (January 25<sup>th</sup>) in the Mississippi River near the St. Charles/Jefferson Parish line. The recovery was made near the location where Reed, of St. Rose was last seen on January 7, 2011.

For several days following the incident, deputies scoured the banks of the river searching for Reed. Texas EquuSearch later was asked to assist in the search and using sonar technology diligently scanned the river bottom hoping to locate the body. The St. Tammany Sheriff's Office also joined the search on Tuesday with additional boats and equipment which was better able to narrow the search area. Divers with Madcon Corporation out of Pearl River, volunteered to dive in the frigid waters and swift current to locate Reed's body, which was tangled in extensive underwater debris.

The body was taken to the Jefferson Parish Coroner's office for positive identification and an autopsy.

### **Statement from the Reed Family**

*"We would like to thank all the agencies that worked persistently to recover our loved one. First, Mr. Tim Miller with Texas Equu Search, Team Waters, Inc., The Diver's from Madcon Corporation, and the St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office who worked endlessly and would not give up. We would also like to thank St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office who also helped in the search. We appreciate all prayers and support from everyone throughout this trying time."*