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Youth Found Dead In Buck Creek

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CUMBERLAND — The body of a 15-year-old Indianapolis youth was found face down in Buck Creek, one-half mile south of U.S. 40 in Hancock County at 4:30 p.m. Monday by

an unidentified woman, according to Indiana State Police.

Two scarves were loosely draped about his face and neck when found and it was unofficially reported that his hands were bound behind his back.

The youth, an apparent murder victim, was identified as

Robert Jackson Jr. at Hancock County Memorial Hospital in Greenfield late Monday night by his mother, Mrs. Mary F. Jackson, 3507 Jerome Court, Indianapolis.

Indiana State Police Detective Sgt. John Petty, who heads the investigation, said it appeared as though the youth had been sexually molested prior to his death.

Jackson, a freshman at John Marshal High School, had been reported missing to the Indianapolis Police Department late Saturday night.

Jackson reportedly slept late on Saturday and left home at 7 p.m. with an unidentified friend to go to a bowling alley. The proprietor of the alley reported that Jackson left the alley about 9 p.m. with another youth.

When Jackson was found in Buck Creek he was wearing the same clothes he had on when left home, except his caramel-colored hooded jacket.

State police today said the youth apparently had drifted down the creek some distance because there were no footprints found leading to the body.

The body was transported from Memorial Hospital this morning to Marion County General Hospital by Fisher Mortuary ambulance of Fortville where an autopsy was to be preformed today.

The youth was preceeded in death by his father, Robert Jackson Sr., who died four years ago and his sister and brother-in-law, Kathleen, 18, and Richard Frisbie, who were killed in an auto wreck about a year ago.

He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Mary F. Jackson and four brothers, Terry Dillard, 22, David Dillard, Tim Jackson, 11 and Paul Jackson, 8.

Funeral arrangements are pending.