

Arkansas State Police have confirmed (Wed) that a body found in a ditch earlier this week was that of an elderly Northeast Arkansas man who had been missing for nearly a month. Brandon Tabor with Jonesboro station KASU has details.

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Authorities said the state medical examiner confirmed that the identity of the body was that of 70-year-old Howard Earl Holmes of Wynne.

Wynne Police on November 22nd asked state police to issue a Silver Alert for Holmes, who had been missing since November 2nd.

Last week, police were notified about a dead body found lying in a shallow ditch in the southwestern part of Wynne.

Local authorities asked State Police to take the body to the crime lab for examination.

The circumstances of Holmes' death are still under investigation.

I'm Brandon Tabor.