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The Kootenai County Sheriff's Department has identified the remains of the person found in the Spokane River on Saturday.

The deceased has been identified as Christopher Michael Schelling, 31 of Spokane. Schelling was positively identified through the unique tattoos on his person. Schelling had been reported as a missing person in Spokane County. He was reportedly last seen on December 3, 2009.

Initial autopsy results do not indicate a cause of death, however results do show that there is no obvious trauma to Schelling's body. Foul play is not currently suspected.

The investigation is continuing to try to determine how Schelling ended up in the Spokane River. As further information is developed, it will be released. Anyone with information regarding Schelling is asked to contact Detective Jerry Northrup at the Kootenai County Sheriff's Department at (208) 446-1300.

Rocky Watson, Sheriff

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