



Richland County Sheriff's Office
J. Steve Sheldon, Sheriff



Richland County Coroner's Office
Daniel Burwell, Coroner

JOINT NEWS RELEASE

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The Richland County Sheriff's Office is currently investigating the death of a 66-year-old Mansfield man discovered yesterday morning in the Clear Fork of the Mohican River.

At approximately 11:24 a.m., our office received a 911 call reporting an individual found unresponsive and facedown in the river near the intersection of Gatton Rocks Road and Cutnaw Road in Jefferson Township. Deputies responded to the scene, where they were assisted by the Richland County Coroner's Office, the Butler Police Department, and the Jefferson Township Fire Department. The report of a deceased person was confirmed upon arrival.

The Richland County Coroner's Office has identified the deceased as Jeffery A. Rapp, 66, of Mansfield, Ohio.

The scene was processed with the assistance of the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI). The case remains an active investigation. The cause of death is currently pending an autopsy, which is scheduled for tomorrow.

The Richland County Sheriff's Office urges anyone with information regarding this incident to contact the Major Crimes Unit tipline at 419-774-5610.

Major Jim Sweat