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Kentucky News Briefs

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Man's body recovered from Licking River

WILDER - After a two-day search, rescuers recovered the body of a 39-year-old Covington man from the Licking River Thursday night.

The body of Tilford Eugene Allen was recovered at 8:10 p.m., about four miles downstream from where he fell into the water, Kenton County Police Department Sgt. Darrin Gilvin said.

Allen, of Locust Pike in rural Kenton County, was putting his newly purchased personal watercraft in the river for the first time Tuesday evening when he went into the water, according to police. Allen was not wearing a life jacket and was unable to swim.

He was married and the father of four children.

The search was conducted by members of Campbell County Water Rescue, Boone County Water Rescue and the Kenton County Police Department.

Man charged with Newport carjacking

NEWPORT - Newport police arrested a Cincinnati man Wednesday night after they say he carjacked a vehicle at Fifth and Columbia streets.

Police said Marlin J. Patton, 27, jumped in the back seat of a vehicle and ordered the driver to leave or he would shoot her.

He drove a few blocks and then ordered the passenger, who was unable to get out when the car was previously stopped, to get out, police said.

Neither the driver nor the passenger was injured.

Police said Patton abandoned the vehicle in the 400 block of West 13th Street. Police later arrested Patton in Gideon Alley and charged him with public intoxication, robbery and criminal attempt to commit robbery. Patton is being held at the Campbell County jail.

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Police seek help in search for missing girl

COVINGTON - Covington police are again asking for the public's help to locate a 6-year-old girl believed to have been abducted by her mother two years ago.

Police say Barbara Eskra, 34, who did not have custody of daughter Heather Eskra, failed to return the girl to her father after a visit on March 11, 2001.

Heather Eskra had blonde hair and blue eyes. She had silver caps on some of her older teeth.

Her mother is 5 feet 5 inches tall, weighed 181 pounds, had red hair and brown eyes. Police say she uses the alias of Barbara Lowe or Barbara Remley.

Anyone with information is asked to call Crime Stoppers at (513) 352-3040.

Suspect arraigned in assault on teen

LOUISVILLE - A third suspect wanted in connection with the kidnapping and sexual assault of 16-year-old girl was arraigned Thursday, police said.

James C. Jackson, 33, of Louisville, was arrested Wednesday, police said. Jackson faces charges of first-degree wanton endangerment, sodomy, unlawful imprisonment and rape.

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