

Body found on Kanc believed to be missing Rhode Island man

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ALBANY — Searchers combing the woods for the remains of a Rhode Island man may have found what they were looking for near the Kancamagus Highway on Tuesday morning.

A K-9 search dog found a body in the woods 500 feet from the road at 9:50 a.m. Tuesday, authorities said, while more than 30 people searched for Paul Campbell, 50, of Charlestown, R.I., who went missing just before Christmas.

“The medical examiner’s office has not confirmed the identity,” Fish and Game Department conservation officer Sgt. Brian Abrams said, but the search was planned ahead of time to look for Campbell's body.

Campbell went missing on Dec. 23. His car was discovered several days later at Blackberry Crossing Campground, six miles west of Conway on Route 112. Searchers looked for him for several days around the Albany Covered Bridge, but snow impeded the effort.

“We searched for a couple days,” Abrams said, but that was all they could do until spring.

N.H. Fish and Game Department resumed the search Tuesday, aided by six dogs from State Police and New England K-9 Search and Rescue, six U.S. Forest Service rangers and 10 of Campbell’s family and friends.

Families are not always able to help with searches, Abrams said, but when it is possible the department welcomes them.

“It does seem to help with the grieving process,” he said. “The family appreciates everybody’s efforts.”

An autopsy is scheduled for Wednesday. The medical examiner will use dental records to identify the body, Abrams said, as well as determine the cause of death.

“Foul play is not suspected,” he said.



N.H. Fish and Game officers and U.S. National Forest law enforcement keep the scene secure at the Albany Covered Bridge where a body was found Tuesday. (JAMIE GEMMITI PHOTO)