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Traffic is stopped on Route 9 Sunday to allow rescuers to remove a female body found in a wooded area near the highway. A Hoopeston ambulance, waiting its turn, was on the way to move the body from the scene.

Body found Sunday is identified as missing woman

Vermilion County Coroner Peggy Johnson said Monday that the body found Sunday southeast of Hoopeston is that of a missing Hoopeston woman.

An autopsy performed Monday identified the body as that of 33-year-old Amanda Walters-Pentecost. Preliminary autopsy results show the cause of death as exposure to cold. Ms. Walters-Pentecost was last seen February 1.

Capt. Rod Kaag, Vermilion County Sheriff's Department chief investigator, said a local man hunting for deer antlers shortly before noon Sunday discovered the body and called police.

Hoopeston police secured the scene, located in a wooded area about one half mile south and one half mile east of Hoopeston, and the sheriff's department began its investigation.

Late Sunday afternoon, Kaag would not definitively say the body was Ms. Walters-Pentecost. However,

family members, after speaking with police Sunday, believed the body was that of Ms. Walters-Pentecost, based on photos shown to them, said family spokeswoman Tira Howaniec, who asked people to pray for the family. Calling the news "horrific," Howaniec said "this is not the result we expected and it's not the result we wanted."


Howaniec said she began receiving phone calls between 12:30 and 1 p.m. Sunday telling her that Ms. Walters-Pentecost's body may have been found. She then began talking with police about the search.

Family and friends gathered at Hoopeston City Hall Sunday afternoon, where they shared tears, hugs and stories while waiting to talk to police officials. Howaniec said family members were never allowed on the scene.

Kaag said the body was not found in water and that there was no identification on or near the body, which, had

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Jeramy Dobkins
For Hoopeston Mayor



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been where it was found at least since before the last snow.

During the early stage of the investigation, unofficial reports had as many as nine vehicles parked along Route 9, including a flatbed trailer with a four-wheeler which was used to take searchers to the wooded area.

Ms. Walters-Pentecost's last contact with family was a phone conversation January 31, with her mother, Stella Snyder, of Indiana. She was expected to visit her father, Tim Walters, in Watseka, but never arrived.

Hoopeston Police Department released information and photos of Ms. Walters-Pentecost on February 4, asking for help in locating the woman.

The family held a press conference on February 10, where both Snyder and Walters spoke, asking people to be on the lookout for their daughter, who was last seen on Second Avenue on a camera outside Hoopeston Foods.

Snyder said Ms. Walters-Pentecost, who had been depressed but was trying to "get out of the world she was living in," put down her purse and walked south, out of camera range.

Ms. Walters-Pentecost has two children, a 14-year-old daughter and five-year-old son, who are with their father.



Tira Howaniec reads a statement from the family of Amanda Walters-Pentecost Sunday outside Hoopeston City Hall.

Weather

Rain/snow today. High 37. Tonight, chance of snow. Low 30. Tomorrow, chance of snow. High 35, low 28.

For weather conditions, call Hoopeston Weather Service, (217) 283-6221.

Police News



Jessica Hardy, 26, of Hoopeston, was arrested at 3:07 a.m. Sunday in the 900 block of East Wyman. She was charged with disobeying police after she allegedly refused to leave property after being told to by officers.

Court Dispositions



December 6, 2012

Gail Savage, Hoopeston, case dismissed.

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