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UPDATED: Body Found in Barrington Hills Forest Preserve ID'd as Missing Wauconda Man

No foul play is suspected in the death of Robert Hovinen, a missing Wauconda resident last seen at a bar in Carpentersville on Dec. 23. Hovinen's body was found in a Barrington Hills forest preserve Christmas day.

Posted by [Angela Sykora](#) (Editor) , December 26, 2013 at 04:44 PM

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Robert Hovinen, 38, of Wauconda. Photo Credit: ABC 7.

Update, 4:45 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 26

An autopsy was performed Thursday on a Wauconda man whose body was found by an equestrian at the Spring Creek Valley Forest Preserve in Barrington Hills Christmas day.

Robert Hovinen, 38, of unincorporated Wauconda, was last seen at a bar in Carpentersville on Dec. 23.

Ben Breit, Director of Communications for the Cook County Sheriff's Office, told Patch no foul play is suspected. Authorities are awaiting toxicology results.

Update, 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 26

It is now being reported that the body of a man found in the Spring Creek Valley Forest Preserve in Barrington Hills on Christmas is [Robert Hovinen, 38, of 25220 Ivanhoe Road, in unincorporated Wauconda](#), according to the *Barrington Courier-Review*.

Hovinen went missing from a bar in Carpentersville on Dec. 23. An earlier version of this story reported Hovinen was a resident of Carpentersville.

The cause of death is still under investigation. An autopsy was scheduled for Thursday.

Update, 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 26

The [Carpentersville Police Department](#) has confirmed it has been notified by the Cook County Sheriff's Office that a body found in the Spring Creek Valley Forest Preserve in Barrington Hills on Christmas day is that of missing man [Robert Hovinen](#).

[Hovinen was last seen Dec. 23 at Skeeters Saloon](#), located at 1691 Elgin Road in Carpentersville, reported ABC 7 News.

It is not known if foul play was involved. An autopsy was scheduled for Thursday.

Original post

The Cook County Sheriff's Office is investigating the [death of a man whose body was found in the Spring Creek Valley Forest Preserve in Barrington Hills on Christmas](#), according to the *Daily Herald*.

The unidentified body was reportedly [found by an equestrian](#). Sheriff's police responded to the call at about 2:45 p.m. Wednesday, reported the Daily Herald. An autopsy was scheduled for today.

Patch will provide more information on this developing story as it becomes available.

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If no foul play is suspected.....where is his truck and wallet etc???

JT December 27, 2013 at 08:38 PM
Did the bar that he left at give any information????

Regina Falangie December 27, 2013 at 08:51 PM
I have not heard 8 know his sister drove around ALL day today looking for his truck...strange that it's still missing.

JT December 28, 2013 at 09:08 AM
Absolutely, was he known to carry a lot of cash??? Is his truck 4-wheel drive, could someone of driven it in another field, did he talk to anybody talk to him at the bar, did he act weird before he left, did someone see him get in his truck and drive a certain direction????

Michelle Loba Paredes December 28, 2013 at 04:30 PM
this is my uncle we found the truck and everything including his wallet and stuffin there his truck was 100km away from where he walked and died from hypothermia he was really drunk and he suffered from depression. we dont know what else happened or what made him get so angry but this was a horrible christmas present, he filled the wholes in my family bit we all appreciate whatever he has done and thank you all who worried...it means alot.

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