

YOLO COUNTY  
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT  
PRESS RELEASE

Re:	Tentative Identification Made For Drowning Victim
Date:	April 29, 2008

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Tentative identification has been made for the body found in the Sacramento River south of Clarksburg on Monday, based on the overwhelming preponderance of circumstantial evidence.

The Yolo County Sheriff's Department, Coroner's Section has tentative determined the decedent to be that of Kathryn Renee Buckley, who was reported missing in May 2006. Circumstantial evidence includes registration of 2004 blue Hyundai Tiburon in which she was found was registered in her name; the purse and wallets located in the vehicle with credit cards, miscellaneous paper work and checkbook belonged to Kathryn Buckley.

Kathryn Buckley was forty-nine years old and a resident of Sacramento, CA, at the time she was reported missing. She would have been fifty-one years old when found yesterday in the Sacramento River, south of Clarksburg at one-fifteen in the afternoon by a salvage diver.

A forensic autopsy was performed by the Coroner deputies today. The cause of death is listed as probable drowning and manner of death as probable accident pending further investigation. Family has been notified.

Sheriff Prieto stated, "Although confirmation of the decedent's name won't be available until DNA comparison can be made, the overwhelming preponderance of circumstantial evidence has allowed the Sheriff's Department to bring some closure to the decedent's family. Our Coroner's Section will continue to be in contact with the family once the scientific information is received."

Positive identification will be delayed up to six months awaiting DNA results.