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all defendants are presumed innocent unless
and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable
doubt under the United States Constitution.*

Norfolk District Attorney Michael W. Morrissey's Office and the Avon Police now confirm that the family members on-scene were able to identify the man whose remains were recovered this evening to be Keith McKechnie, a resident of 34 East High Street near where he was located today by a relative.

Mr. McKechnie had been considered missing and the subject of search efforts on the part of the Avon Police Department and those who cared for him since he was last seen September 7, 2023. (See: [\(3\) Missing Person Avon resident Keith... - Avon MA Police Department | Facebook](#)).

Avon Police and Avon Fire officials utilized regional mutual-aid resources to recover Mr. McKechnie from the depths of a well, where he was located. His body was subsequently transported to the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner in Boston for autopsy in the coming days. No obvious signs of trauma were observed by officials on scene, including Massachusetts State Police homicide investigators assigned to the Norfolk District Attorney's office. Authorities had been told that McKechnie was known to walk the neighborhood.

"Our thoughts are very much with the McKechnie family tonight," District Attorney Morrissey said Saturday evening. "This is a very sad result."