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Human remains found in Mississippi positively identified as man missing since 1967



Authorities work to recover a car submerged in the Mississippi River in Sartell on Aug. 13. The human remains found inside have been identified as Roy George Benn, who went missing in 1967.

Courtesy of Sartell Public Safety

Authorities in central Minnesota say they've identified the human remains recovered from the Mississippi River last month as a man who's been missing for nearly 60 years.



According to records from the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, 59-year-old Roy George Benn went missing in September 1967.

Courtesy of the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension

Roy George Benn was 59 years old [when he disappeared](#) in September of 1967, after he was seen around 4 a.m. in a cafe in Sartell. A Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension bulletin said Benn was reportedly carrying a large sum of money.

Despite a yearslong investigation, authorities were unable to find Benn or provide answers in the case.

Then, on Aug. 10, an angler on the Mississippi River near Sartell noticed a shape on a sonar device that looked like a submerged vehicle.

Members of the Stearns and Benton counties' dive team searched the river and recovered a 1963 Buick Electra, severely deteriorated and filled with sediment, which was registered to Benn. Human remains and several items belonging to Benn were found inside.

The Midwest Medical Examiner's Office used DNA testing to confirm the remains were Benn's. The Benton County Sheriff's Office said it's still determining the cause and manner of his death.

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