Unidentified black female from the
Milwaukee River

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Man finds woman's body in river

The body of an unidentified black woman believed to be in her late 20s or early 30s was found in the Milwaukee River Tuesday by a man docking a boat near 420 N. Plankinton Ave.

Police said they suspected no foul play. There was no cash or identification on the body, which might have been in the river a week, police said.

According to a medical examiner's report, the body was wedged between two metal barrels attached to a floating pier when found about 10:40 a.m. by Michael D. Ovens, 29, of 4330 N. 84th St., an off-duty Wauwatosa firefighter.

The body was described as being 5 feet 4 inches tall and weighing 137 pounds. The woman's hair was tinted reddish brown, the medical examiner's report said.

The body was clad in a light-brown, hip-length wool coat, blue slacks, black boots, blue-green socks, blue head scarf, tan knit cap, striped sweater and brown blouse.