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On February 19, 2026, deputies were dispatched to a report of a body discovered in a creek near 1111 South Second Street in Ripley, Ohio 45167.

Through investigative efforts, the deceased individual has been positively identified as Tommy Richmond, a 39-year-old male who had previously been reported missing.

Mr. Richmond was last seen in the area of the 1st Stop Gas Station in Ripley on January 31, 2026, at approximately 6:00 a.m. A missing person report had been filed with the Brown County Sheriff's Office.

The investigation remains ongoing. The Brown County Sheriff's Office is working with the Brown County Coroner's Office, to determine the cause and manner of death.

No additional information will be released at this time. Further updates will be provided as they become available.

Anyone with information relevant to this investigation is encouraged to contact the Brown County Sheriff's Office, ATTN Sergeant Charles Ernst at (937) 378-4435 EXT. 126, though our website at www.bcoso.us, or anonymously at www.crime-stoppers.us.

The Brown County Sheriff's Office would like to thank the Brown County Communications Center, Ripley Fire & EMS, and Brown County Coroner for their assistance in this investigation.