

Store clerk's body is found in river

**Suspicious man
had prompted woman
to call her son.**

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A central Missouri convenience store clerk who apparently was abducted during a robbery over the weekend was found dead late Monday afternoon in the Little Niangua River.

Authorities found the nude body of Trudy Darby, 42, of Macks Creek, in about 6 feet of water near the border of Hickory and Camden counties, Hickory County Sheriff Raymond Tipton said.

Darby was last heard from at 10 p.m. Saturday when she called her son from work telling him about a

suspicious man outside her store, near U.S. 54 and Missouri 73 in Camden County.

Darby's son, Waylyn Darby, arrived about five minutes later and found only his mother's purse and an empty cash drawer, authorities said. About \$220 was missing from the K & D Country Corner store.

Officials said there were no signs of a struggle. The store doors were unlocked and the lights were on.

On Monday, sheriff's deputies from three counties and troopers from the Missouri Highway Patrol searched for Darby in the heavily wooded terrain near the store, which is about 25 miles from Lake of the Ozarks.

The body was found after a Camden County resident saw

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