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5-year-old Lucas Hernandez Identified

The Sedgwick County Coroner's Office has identified the body of an unknown child discovered Thursday evening in Harvey County as 5-year-old Lucas Hernandez. The boy's identity was confirmed through an autopsy and dental records. A thorough exam of evidence continues and no further information is available at this time.

Lucas' stepmother, 27-year-old Emily Glass, has been arrested and booked into Sedgwick County jail for felony obstruction of justice. Lucas has been missing since Feb. 17.

Lucas' body was discovered under a bridge near Southeast 96th Street and Woodlawn in Harvey County. Glass had taken a private investigator to the location. The private investigator had been hired by Lucas' family.

The private investigator called the WPD to report the discovery of what he believed was Lucas' body. The WPD and Harvey County Sheriff Office officials arrived at the scene.

WPD officials have interviewed the private investigator, David Marshburn of North Carolina, who said he arrived earlier this week. Marshburn told WPD investigators that Glass led him to the boy's body on Thursday.

WPD Chief Gordon Ramsay said the investigation into Lucas' disappearance continues; anyone with information related to the case should call WPD Homicide Detectives at 268-4181.

The WPD has mobilized significant personnel and volunteers and searched thousands of acres to find Lucas. Ramsay thanked the numerous volunteers and groups who have contributed to the search.

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