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MURDER INVESTIGATION

The Troy Police Department returned to Montrose Township this morning to continue the search for Patrick Mikes Sr. A body, **believed** to be that of Mr. Mikes, was found several feet inside the edge of a cornfield on Morrish Road north of Lake Road. A bike matching the description of the bike being searched for was found about 15 feet away from the body. Troy Police Evidence technicians are processing the scene, along with members of the Oakland County Medical Examiner's Office. Confirmation on the identification of the body will be determined by the Medical Examiner's Office.

Yesterday's exhaustive search, in which numerous members of the press participated in, was ended at approximately 7:30 PM. A search team was within about 30 feet of the body, with a member of the press present, when the search was terminated. All members of the press were invited into the command center to view the map of 25 square miles of area that was being searched. They could see the markings all over the map indicating which areas were searched and which areas were marked off for future searches.

We would like to thank the citizens of Montrose Township, and the Montrose Police and Fire Departments for their help in our efforts to locate Mr. Mikes. The citizens provided numerous tips to us that we followed up on that helped us in our efforts.

We began searching for Mr. Mikes when he was reported missing. When we recently arrested and charged Patrick Mikes Jr. with murder, we did not give up the search for his father. **We continued to search because it was the right thing to do.**

The Troy Police Department thanks the large group of other Departments that assisted us in this investigation. It would not have been possible without their help.