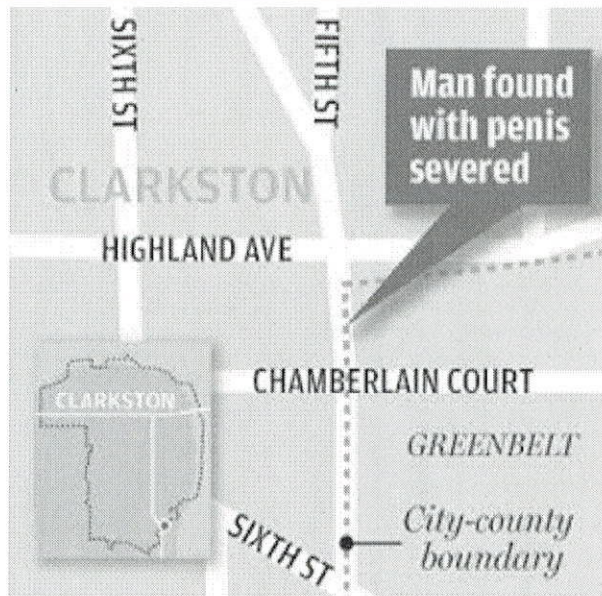


Naked man found in street minus penis

Blood trail leads police to 62-year-old Clarkston man's severed member; he is recovering at SJRMC



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CLARKSTON -- Police are investigating a bizarre case in Asotin County after a naked man with severed genitals was found Tuesday morning in the middle of a road.

The 62-year-old Clarkston man, whose identity has not been released by police, was discovered about 4:20 a.m. on the 1400 block of Fifth Street in Clarkston. Capt. Dan Hally with the Asotin County Sheriff's Office said the man was conscious and lying in a pool of blood when police arrived. He was taken to St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, where he is recovering from his injuries.

At the scene, law enforcement followed a blood trail and located the man's severed penis on a grassy hillside several hundred yards from where he was found, along with a serrated knife and the man's boxer shorts. The organ was taken to the hospital for possible reattachment, but it is unknown if the surgery was successful, officers said Tuesday evening.

Detective Jackie Nichols with the Asotin County Sheriff's Office said the man has no recollection of how the injury occurred.

"We are considering several possibilities, including that it was self-inflicted," she told the Tribune. "We don't believe it was a random act or the public is in danger. We are following all leads and the investigation is ongoing."

The incident occurred near the boundary between the Clarkston city limits and Asotin County, and officers from both agencies responded to the call, along with city of Asotin police, the Clarkston Fire Department and Lewiston Fire Department. The street was hosed down after the man was taken to the hospital.

The unusual incident garnered media attention throughout the region. Hally, who has been a deputy for almost 15 years, said he's never seen a case like this.

"My job is always interesting, but this is a first," Nichols agreed.

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