

# Hypothermia kills stranded Hohnholt

The body of Buddy Hohnholt was found roughly 16½ miles northwest of Guemsey in the late afternoon of Nov. 22.

Hohnholt, of Wheatland, had been missing since Oct. 17, when he was to appear in district court to face six counts of obtaining property under false pretenses. Hohnholt kept a diary from Oct. 13-20, according to Platte County sheriff Kevin Miner, and it indicated that the battery of the truck he was driving stopped functioning on the 13th.

According to a state pathologist, Hohnholt died of exposure.

Miner said Hohnholt's body was found in a "very isolated area."

"It was next to an old trail into a pasture," Miner said. "It was a mile from the old Immigrant Hill road."

Miner said the body was found

near the trail by a young man and his fiance while they were rabbit hunting. He said Hohnholt's vehicle was on top of a ridge about 150 yards northeast of the body. However, he said the vehicle was hidden by trees and not visible from where Hohnholt was found.

"We think he was dead about 30 days," Miner said.

Hohnholt had some food in the vehicle, but "not much," according to Miner.

"His first entry in the diary was that the battery was dead on his pickup," Miner said. "On one day during the week two pickups came along the road and he tried to signal them, to no avail."

Miner said Hohnholt wrote that he tried to signal with the mirror in

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