

Giancola death ruled a drowning

Preliminary autopsy results list drowning as the cause of death of a man whose body was pulled from Arbor Lake here Monday afternoon.

Richard Lloyd Giancola, 43, of 1837 Sixth Ave., Grinnell, was found in the lake by two fishermen at about 1 p.m. Monday.

Police Chief Jim Ahrens said an autopsy was performed on the body Monday evening, and that there were no indications

of foul play in connection with the death.

Ahrens said a test for blood alcohol is also being performed, and that results will not be available until late this week or early next week.

Ahrens said the body was spotted some 50 ft. north of the lake's spillway. The fishermen, Rod Carlson and Randy Collins, reportedly noticed the back of a green sweatshirt and hair, then con-

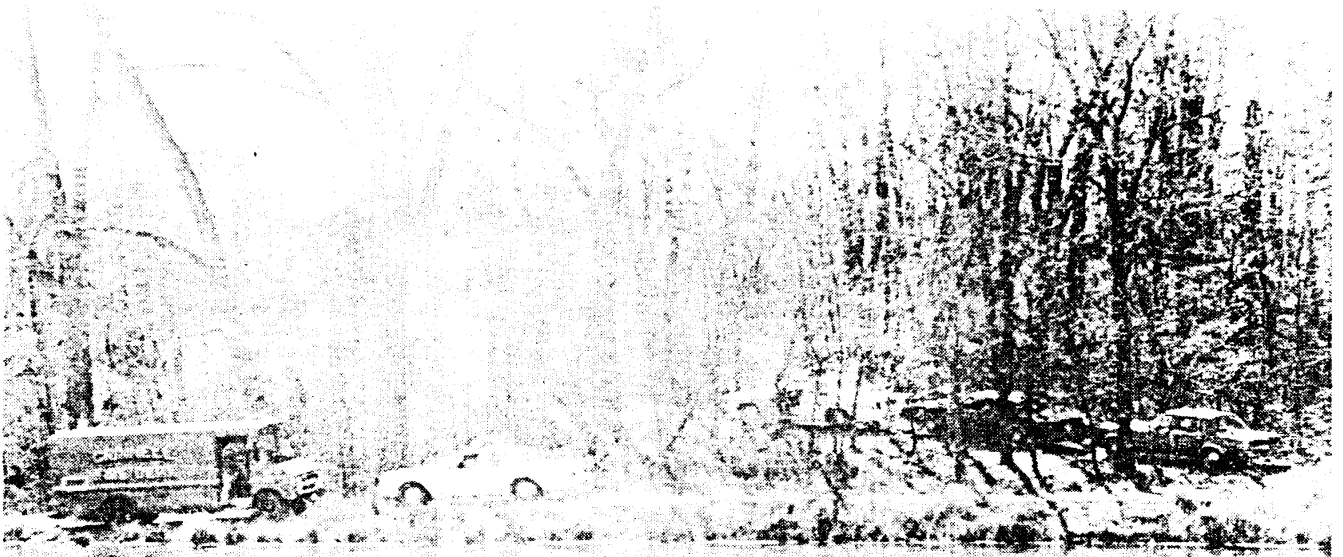
tacted police.

Giancola had not been seen since Saturday night when he and a companion, Luke White of Grinnell, were at the lake. Ahrens said White reported that the two had been drinking and decided to spend the night at the lake. White fell asleep, and when he awoke, Giancola was no longer at the scene.

Authorities were speculating that Giancola had fallen into the water and drowned.

At the scene with Grinnell police were members of the Poweshiek County Sheriff's Department and a team from the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation. Ahrens said the DCI involvement was "routine" in cases where the cause of death is not immediately apparent.

Robert Carney, M.D., the county medical examiner, was also called and ordered the autopsy.



Police and sheriff's vehicles, along with the Fire Department rescue unit, are lined up on the west shore of Arbor Lake Monday afternoon as investiga-

tion is underway into the death of Richard Giancola. An autopsy later determined that death was the result of drowning.

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Rites held for Mr.® Giancola

Richard L. Giancola, 43, of 1837 Sixth Ave., Grinnell, died Sunday morning, April 29. Death was the result of drowning at Arbor Lake, where his body was discovered Monday afternoon.

Graveside services were conducted at 1:30 p.m. today at Hazelwood Cemetery, with the Smith Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

The son of Ralph and Evelyn Carter Giancola, he was born Sept. 7, 1940, at St. Louis, Mo., where he attended school. He had lived in Grinnell since the early 1970s and was employed as a laborer.

Survivors include his

parents; one son, Richard of St. Louis; one daughter, Rachael of Des Moines; three brothers, Ralph J. of St. Charles, Mo., Nick J. of Minneapolis, Minn., and Dennis M. of Des Moines; and two sisters, Linda Giancola of Dana Point, Calif., and Laura Loucks of Newton.

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