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POLICE HOPE TO IDENTIFY BODY FOUND IN LAGAN

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Police are trying to identify the body of a man recovered from the River Lagan

It was discovered near Governor's Bridge in the

Stranmillis area

by workmen from the Laganside Corporation while they were carrying out routine maintenance on the river bank.

The body is believed to have been in the water for some time and a police spokesman said they had not ruled out that it could be that of missing Co Down man Martin Kelly who was last seen a couple of miles down river in the docks area of the city on New Year's Day.

Forensic experts carried out an examination of the body before it was removed from the scene. A post mortem is due to be carried out later today.

Mr Kelly, a plumber and part-time barman from Holywood, was last seen after going with friends to a bar in Garmoyle Street in the docks area.

The 21-year-old stayed on in Pat's Bar after his friends left and was seen leaving alone just after 7.00pm on New Year's Day.

Police divers, boats and sonar have been used to search an area of water around a spot in the docks where CCTV cameras pictured a man standing on the night Mr Kelly went missing.  
David Gordon

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