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Body found by hunters is that of missing man

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The Oakland County Sheriff's Office this morning confirmed that the body found earlier this month by hunters in Groveland Township is a 54-year-old man reported missing by his wife in July.

Tim Burch was reported missing July 6. The Burches had been separated and were living in different homes. Burch's wife went to his home and found what appeared to be a suicide letter, prompting a search by deputies. He was not found and was listed as a missing person.

Tim Burch's truck was found Aug. 29 in Brandon Township at a car dealership.

On Sept. 26, two squirrel hunters found a decomposed body in the woods and called deputies.

An autopsy revealed the cause and manner of death was suicide by shotgun.

On Tuesday, dental records determined that the body found was Tim Burch and the case has been closed.
