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## Body of missing Conroe youth found in Louisiana

□ The discovery brings a six-day search to an end. A close family friend charged with aggravated kidnapping told police where to find the body

CONROE, Texas (AP) — A former Beaumont police officer, charged with kidnapping his close friend's son in a scheme to erase mounting debts, directed police Sunday to the 12-year-old's body 250 miles away.

The remains of Samuel McKay Everett — discarded off a highway near Baton Rouge, La. — were found about 2 a.m. off of Interstate 10 in Iberville Parish, Montgomery County Sheriff Guy Williams said.

"We regret to say that McKay's body was recovered this morning," Williams said, bringing to an end a search that began Tuesday night.

Hilton Lewis Crawford, the family friend charged with aggravated kidnapping, told authorities where to find the body of the boy — who called him "Uncle Hilty" — during a chance visit by Williams on Saturday night.

The sheriff said the encounter that spurred the suspect to "get this off my chest" turned out to be the break in the case, which began with McKay's disappearance from his upscale Conroe home five days before.

After being allowed to speak to his attorney and his wife Connie, whom police believe knew nothing of her husband's kidnapping plan, Crawford told authorities where McKay's body could be found.

The 56-year-old security guard did not, however, confess to the killing, they said.

Neither Williams nor Houston agents from the FBI would say how McKay was killed. But Williams said he believes the boy was dead less than 24 hours after he was abducted while home alone.

No murder charges were filed Sunday as county and federal prosecutors met to discuss the best way to pursue a homi-

cide charge.

Authorities believe McKay was kidnapped about 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, while his parents, Paulette and Carl Everett, attended an Amway meeting. Everett sells Amway products, and a local builder. Court documents show investigators were told Crawford had telephoned Everett at home to determine whether she planned to attend the meeting.

Hours after McKay's abduction, his family received a ransom demand of \$500,000 in \$100 bills, police said.

The woman suspected of making that call, Irene Flores, was arrested Saturday in Houston.

She once worked for Crawford at a security company he owned. She has been charged with aggravated kidnapping and could also face a murder charge, authorities said.

Records at a Beaumont show Crawford checked into a room at 4:30 a.m. Wednesday.

On Friday, Crawford was arrested and his vehicle impounded. Sometime last week he had a trunk carpet replaced, telling auto repair shop that he had ten water in the trunk.

Last May, Crawford, who was employed as an unarmed security guard with Security Services Inc. of Houston, filed for bankruptcy protection.

Crawford, who served a one-year stint with the Beaumont Police Department in the 1960s, and Flores remained in the Montgomery County Jail Sunday without bond.

Authorities do not believe that the failure to pay the ransom led to the boy's death.

"I don't think that has anything at all to do with Williams said.

McKay's family was notified of the death around 3:30 p.m. Sunday, said Montgomery County District Attorney Daniel Rice.

"Carl and Paulette Everett are deeply grieved," said Mayes, the family's attorney reading from a prepared statement. "Their hopes and dreams that they built in their son and in their son are no more."

"They are in the process of absorbing their tremendous loss and coming to grips with the tragic reality."

## Typhoon Oscar hits Japan

□ The storm dealt a glancing blow to the country's east coast Sunday.

TOKYO (AP) — One of the most powerful typhoons to hit Japan since World War II dealt the east coast a glancing blow Sunday before veering back out to sea. Two people were killed and three were missing.

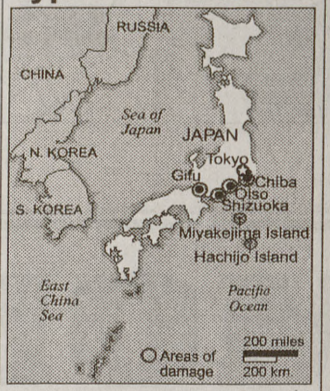
Weather forecasters said Japan "might have suffered heavily" if Typhoon Oscar had struck directly and on a working day. The storm's center never came closer than 60 miles from Tokyo.

Oscar's winds reached 108 mph, making it comparable to typhoons that killed 1,269 peo-

ple in 1958 and 5,098 in 1981 in the Tokyo area.

One man was killed Sunday in a landslide in Shizuoka, 95 miles west of Tokyo. And in Chiba, east of Tokyo, a man died after strong winds apparently knocked

### Typhoon Oscar



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him into an irrigation reservoir.

Two people were washed away by high waves from a beach in Oiso, south of Tokyo, and a fisherman was missing after falling into a river in Gifu, 170 miles west of Tokyo, police reported.

Police said at least 13 people were injured and 46 houses were destroyed or damaged. Landslides were reported in

places and 80 homes were flooded. The highest winds were recorded at Miyakejima Island, 95 miles south of Tokyo.

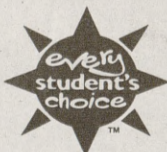
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