OSBI reports Strickland's body recovered

HUGO — Two men have been arrested and charged with first degree murder in connection the with killing of Robert Edward Strickland, 39, of Hugo.

Aaron Jerome Jacobs, 25, Spencerville, Okla., and Clifton Merrill Parish, 26, of Fort Towson, have been charged with robbing and shooting Strickland in the early morning hours of April 5. The charges were filed in Pushmataha County and bond for both men has been set at \$500,000 by Associate District Judge Jana Wallace.

According to police reports, Jacobs and Parish were accompanied by two female subjects, one of whom sent a text message to Strickland, asking him to come to an area east of the Messer rural fire department. After Strickland went to the area, the woman sent him another text message saying that she had left her car keys in his car, and asked him to return. According to statements given to police by one or more of the four individuals present, the

request to have Strickland return was a ploy to rob him. Jacobs and one of the girls repeatedly beat Strickland about the head until he was unconscious, after which he was placed into the back of his own Ford SUV.

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