

## **Gregory Dennie, Class of 1977.**



### **Memphis man believes body is missing son.**

West Memphis – The body of a man found near the Mississippi River levee last week may be that of a Memphis man missing since August, his father said.

Gregory Dennie fits the general description of the man found beaten to death Thursday, his father said.

“I’m very confident it’s him.” Said T.

Willie Dennie, of North Seventh Street in Memphis.

Dennie said his 29-year-old son left the family home in August without telling anyone. He said his son had a drinking problem. Shortly afterward, the elder Dennie received a call from someone who had found papers belonging to Gregory on Mound City Road in Crittenden County. Mound City Road is - near the grassy area north of Interstate 55 where deputies said the decomposed body was found with one side of its head beaten in.

Dennie said his son was badly beaten once before and injured in the eye. He did not know by whom.

He said the clothing described in news reports fit what his son was wearing, and that his son – like the body found—had a metal plate in his left arm. The plate was put in when Gregory Dennie broke his arm several years ago, Dennie said.

He said he searched the general area himself after his son's papers were found but couldn't find anything.

The body was found late Thursday afternoon by two young men who had taken guns into the area for target practice, Crittenden County Undersheriff Charles Walker said last week. Yesterday, Walker said he won't know anything for certain until Gregory Dennie's medical records are evaluated by the State Medical Examiner.

Dennie said he heard about the body through friends who had seen news accounts last week and decided it might be his son.

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