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A new twist in ex-CIA's death

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Maryland State Police are investigating the possibility that retired CIA official John Paisley was not shot on his boat, a report says.

"If someone else shot him, it probably didn't happen on the boat," said Bill Clark, a state police official. "If he shot himself, he most probably was leaning over the side of the boat, jumping into the water or already in the water."

Paisley's body was found floating in Chesapeake Bay last week. He had been shot in the head and his body was loaded with 38 pounds of diving weights. His abandoned sailboat also was found in the bay.

"There was no evidence ... that his boat was the crime scene — no blood stains and no brain fragments," the Washington Post quoted Capt. Paul Rappaport, who heads the seven-man team investigating Paisley's death.

Police are not sure if the 55-year-old retired CIA analyst took his own life or was murdered. But they are not ruling out either possibility.

"If the man took his own life," said State Police Superintendent Thomas Smith, "he went to great lengths to cover it up. If someone else did, they seized upon an unusual scene and carried it out in an unusual way."

Earlier this week, the Senate Intelligence Committee began investigating alleged links between Paisley's death and the theft of CIA documents.