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Gallup Police Department detectives identified the Native American man found dead on the west side of Silvermine Manufacturing, 303 E. Highway 66 on Aug. 8, as Nelson Thompson, 66 of Lower Greasewood, Ariz.

He was homeless, GPD Capt. Marinda Spencer said.

As a result of his injuries, police are asking for the public's help with any information that may lead to a suspect, and are investigating the case as a homicide. Spencer said detectives are also investigating whether Thompson was assaulted at the scene or dumped at the location.

An autopsy will be performed, and police are combing the Second Street corridor for clues in to the man's death.

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