GRANTS – At about 7 am on Sept. 1, the New Mexico State Police Investigations Bureau was contacted to investigate a homicide at the San Rafael Church.

Investigators learned that around 6:30 am, the Grants Police Department was alerted to a person laying in the parking lot of the church.

Officers arrived to find Paul Valdez, 30, of San Rafael, deceased.

New Mexico State Police Investigations Bureau agents as well as the State Polce Crime Scene Team were called.

Valdez's death is being treated as a homicide. The investigation is very preliminary with no details currently available.

Anyone with any information about this homicide is asked to contact the NM State Police at (505) 841-9256.

