

***Body found on Gallup's south side**

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Gallup Police Department Capt. Rick White said officers were dispatched late Tuesday morning "in reference to a person down and out" outside the front entrance to All Star Janitorial Supply on 61 S. Hwy 602 Oct. 6.

Officer Kelsey Francisco was the first on the scene and found the unconscious man shirtless and lying on his back. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

When asked if this death could be related to exposure, White said that it's too early to speculate on the cause.

Temperatures dipped into the high 40s and low 50s early Tuesday morning, and it had also rained in the area. The man died sometime during the early morning hours, White said.

Detective Charles Wommack said it appears that "no foul play" contributed to the man's death. He's being transported to the Office of the Medical Investigator in Albuquerque for an autopsy and where a toxicology test may help determined if alcohol, other substances or exposure were contributing factors in his death.

The man had no ID, but White said there was a dial-up insulin type of prescription for diabetes discovered in a black backpack near his body.

With his identification pending, police gave a description of the man in his mid-30's, who likely stood about 5'6" to 5'7" and wore a pony tail.

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As for clothing, he was wearing a pair of blue jeans with a black belt; brown hiking-type boots; two shirts – a black muscle shirt under a black T-shirt.

If you have any information related to this case, call GPD at (505) 863-9365.

**The Gallup Sun does not run photos of uncovered, deceased individuals. This courtesy photo was altered.* □

