BREAKING NEWS: Father finds son deceased near culvert

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A father looking for his son since Saturday made the discovery that no parent would ever want to make – he found his son, Anderson Joe, Jr., dead near a culvert, west of Motel 6, 3306 W. Hwy 66.

Gallup Police Department officers were dispatched to the scene at about 10:30 am Wednesday to secure the area and begin an initial investigation.

GPD Capt. Rick White said it appears that no foul play was involved in the death of the 32-year-old man from Manuelito Canyon, based on the preliminary investigation.

White said Joe's family knew to search the area near the motel for him because "he hung around that area."

It's not clear if alcohol played a factor in Joe's death, White said, adding that he had been deceased for more than 24 hours.

His body will be transported to the Office of the Medical Investigator in Albuquerque for an autopsy and toxicology testing.

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