

Dead body found off East Route 66

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POLICE SEEK THE PUBLIC'S HELP TO ID DECOMPOSED REMAINS

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***The dead body of an unidentified person was discovered and reported to Gallup Police Tuesday morning.

Gallup Police Department spokesperson Lt. Rosanne Morrisette said dispatch received a call about a dead body from a passerby at 10:38 am on Aug. 2.

"We don't have identification of the body yet," Morrisette said. "The investigation is still open."

The body was found near the Four Corners Welding & Supply, at 606 E. Hwy. 66, on Gallup's east side. The advanced decomposition of the body made it difficult for investigators to at least uncover clues that would help determine a



preliminary cause of death.

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Morrisette said the person had on black pants and shoes, white socks, and a black belt.

She also said that a partial dental bridge was found in the pants pocket of the body. Early indications, although unconfirmed, suggest the body may have been male. Race and other forensic details that could help police ID the body are undetermined at this time.

“It’s just too early to answer those questions,” she said. “Again, the investigation remains open.”

The body was found off the highway amidst a grassy field-like area; it is the second such discovery in as many months by local police. In mid-July, investigators with the McKinley County Sheriff’s Office reported the body of a dead male along Hassler Valley Road. An investigation revealed that death to be a homicide.

****UPDATE: The body was identified as Duane "DC" Crawford, who went missing on July 3.*