

## Dead body found at Father Dunstan Park

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The body of a deceased Native American male was found at about 2:30 pm on Jan. 25 at Father Dunstan Park on Gallup's south side. The park is in the midst of a residential area and is across the street from Gallup Catholic High School.

An official cause of death hasn't been determined.

"Yes, the body of a male was found," Capt. Marinda Spencer, public information officer with the Gallup Police Department, said. "We are still investigating the situation."

Spencer said a passerby discovered the body, believed to be in his early 40s. She said the passerby spotted a community service aide and from there police officials were notified.

Spencer also said the body was fully clothed and there didn't appear to be evidence of foul play. She said the official cause of death and a ruling of potential foul play couldn't be confirmed until the New Mexico Office of the Medical Investigator completes an official report.

Father Dunstan Park is one of a handful of ball parks used by Gallup's Little League baseball and softball teams in the summer. Spencer said the body was discovered in one of the dugouts at the park.



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