

Female found dead near East Aztec Avenue ID'd

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A body of a Native American woman found dead Feb. 9 has been identified.

Spokeswoman Lt. Rosanne Morrisette said Jevita Johnson, 33, of Gallup may be the victim of foul play, but it's too early to call it a homicide at this juncture.

"The Office of the Medical Investigator has not determined the cause of death," she said.

Capt. Marinda Spencer, public information officer with the Gallup Police Department, said a passerby discovered the deceased woman at about 10:50 am. The location of the body was found east of the arroyo near Gallup's Social Security Building along East Aztec Avenue.

The open-area dead body discovery comes about one week after the body of Darrell Barney, 59, was found on BNSF property, near Munoz overpass.

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