

Woman found dead near NCI rehab center ID'd

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Police received a call Jan. 4 about a woman found “down and out outside” of a building located on Na’Nizhoozhi Center Inc.’s campus at 506 Frances St., GPD Capt. Marinda Spencer said.

Gallup Police Department Officer Richard Rangel arrived on scene and “checked the female who appeared to be deceased,” Spencer said.

Medical personnel arrived on scene where they confirmed that recently identified Lupina Washburn, 54, of Sheep Springs, was dead.

Her body laid about 30-feet northwest of the Frances Street building, which is listed in several online directories as NCI’s “A Bridge to Recovery” substance abuse rehabilitation services. It wasn’t immediately known if the woman was a client of NCI’s programs.

Spencer said GPD detectives were notified, and the Office of the Medical Investigator arrived on scene to conduct an investigation into the woman’s death.

“There’s no other information available at this time,” Spencer said.