

## Gallup police seeks public's help in suspicious death

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A Native American man in his late 50s or early 60s was recently found dead in the parking lot of a Gallup apartment complex.

Gallup Investigations Captain Billy Padavich was called to Cedar Crest Apartments, 220 E. Nizhoni Blvd., around 8:48 pm on Aug. 22 along with several officers.

"When GPD officers arrived, there were a couple bystanders performing CPR on this individual along with one officer," he said.

Padavich said the incident is being treated as a suspicious death because of physical trauma found on the man's body.

Medical personnel took the man to a nearby hospital, where he was officially pronounced dead.

The victim had not been identified as of Aug. 24. There is also no concrete information available about where the man lived. He had gray hair, weighed about 160 pounds and was approximately 5'9" tall.

There are no suspects, and while a number of witnesses at the scene did give statements, Padavich said the department is focused on seeking the public's help at this time.

"We are asking if anyone has any information or they heard or saw anything in reference to this incident, to come forward and contact Gallup police," he said.

Padavich admits this type of death is not a common occurrence for the GPD.

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The department is awaiting results of the autopsy being performed in Albuquerque.

***If you have any information regarding this incident, contact the Gallup Police Department Detective Division at (505)863-9365 or Metro Dispatch at (505)722-2002.***

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