

Woman's body found in field

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Gallup Police Department responded to a call about a woman found unconscious in a field, north of Magic Car Wash on West Jefferson Avenue Oct. 14. She was pronounced dead at the scene.

An official from the Office of the Medical Investigator arrived on scene to poke around for clues to how the woman died. GPD Capt. and spokesman Rick White said based on the preliminary investigation, it appears that that no foul play was involved and she died sometime during the night.

The Native American woman was sleeping on a tarp and was covered with a blanket when a woman from a nearby homeless encampment discovered her body. Police arrived on the scene, shortly before 7:30 am.

White said the woman had no identification on her, but “they have a good idea of who she is.” Investigators estimate that she’s in her mid to late 30s, and was wearing a black shirt, blue jeans, and black boot-type shoes. Her name is being withheld until she’s positively identified and next of kin is notified.

Her body was sent to the OMI office in Albuquerque for an autopsy exam and toxicology tests to determine cause of death.

White said it’s too early to tell if exposure was the cause or a factor in her death. Temperatures dipped into the low 30s during the early hours of Wednesday morning.

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