

## Man found in car

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### Death likely accidental, police say

Gallup Police Department responded to a call at 507 S. 8th St. before the noon hour on Jan. 27, regarding a man who had passed away in his vehicle.

The man, identified as Alexander Diaz, 52, of Gallup, was last seen alive at 8 pm the night before. The cause of death is pending an autopsy and toxicology testing, but GPD Sgt. Roseanne Kavzlarich said the initial investigation revealed that “he had a plug in heater in the car that may have caught fire,” and he may have breathed in carbon monoxide from the smoke while sleeping, leading to his death.