

## **Body of dead female found near TA truck stop**

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The body of an unidentified white female was found on the west side of Gallup Jan. 11, near an open field and between the TA truck stop and County Road 1, officials said.

Capt. Marinda Spencer, public information officer with the Gallup Police Department, said a passerby discovered the body at around 7:30 am and called authorities.

“The person was deceased upon arrival,” she said. “The investigation is ongoing.” Spencer said foul play was suspected in the situation, but declined to elaborate saying the case is still open.

Spencer did not give the age range of the deceased or say what type of condition the body was in. The location where the body was found is close to a commercial and residential area and near Gallup’s Greyhound bus station.

The dead body report is the first of its kind investigated by GPD in 2017.

There were less than a dozen cases of bodies found outdoors in Gallup last year, according to GPD statistics, and each person was ultimately identified.

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