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The name of the Native American male found deceased Feb. 2 by BNSF workers has been identified as Darrell Barney, 59, officials said.

Marinda Spencer, public information officer with the Gallup Police Department, released the information last week.

"The case is still under investigation," Spencer said. "We're making progress."

Spencer said an official cause of death has not definitively been determined. She said attempts to contact Barney's next-of-kin have been made.

How Was The Body Found?

The Gallup Police Department was called to an area near 811 Roundhouse Road at about 10:25 am to investigate the incident, Spencer said. The discovery location is near the Muñoz Overpass and on land owned by BNSF.

The open-area death is the third in recent months. A Native American man was found unresponsive about three weeks ago in a dugout at Father Dunstan Park on Park Avenue and across the street from Gallup Catholic High School.

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In an unrelated incident, a white female from California was found unresponsive and was reportedly assaulted near an open field near the TA truck stop on Gallup's west side.

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