Body found near Walmart

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Foul play not suspected in death of 72-year-old

A body was discovered Dec. 9 near the Walmart Supercenter, 1650 Maloney Ave. in Gallup, when an unknown individual reported the person to Walmart security at about 9:47 am.

According to Gallup Police Department Captain Marinda Spencer, the security officer checked on the reported individual and discovered he was not breathing.

The deceased has been identified as David Joe, 72, of Twin Lakes, N.M, Spencer said.

Joe's next of kin have been notified, and foul play is not suspected.

"There were no signs of trauma," Spencer stated. "But can't rule it out until we get a complete report from [the state Office of the Medical Investigator]."

This is an ongoing investigation.