

Man found dead near flea market ID'd

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McKinley County Sheriff's deputies have confirmed the identity of a dead body found near the Gallup Flea Market on April 23.

The man was identified as Medford James DeGroat, 31 of Ganado.

The body was found in an old jailhouse in one of the abandoned mining towns about a mile to a mile and a half northeast of the flea market. The report said the body had been there for a long time. No foul play is suspected.

The discovery was made by a couple who decided to take a hike in the woods because their car was in the shop being repaired.

An autopsy is pending.

There is also a report of another dead body under investigation by the sheriff's office. No details have been released concerning that body.