

Gallup man dead from heroin overdose

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A drug overdose is apparently what killed a Gallup man found unresponsive Oct. 29 in an open field near Indian Hills, according to a police report.

Officer Ryan Blackgoat of the Gallup Police Department recorded in a police report that Erick Lee, 34, was lying face down when he arrived at an area in Indian Hills near Zia Drive.

“I could see that he was not breathing,” Blackgoat recorded. “I see the male subject laying there feet facing north, head facing south on the dirt ground.”

Blackgoat wrote that a female friend of Lee’s said the two were released from Gallup Detox earlier that day. Gruber said the two shot up “strips” of heroin and shared a bottle of Captain Morgan. The two left Lee’s residence and walked up a hill where they were arguing, the friend told Blackgoat.

After relieving himself, Lee fell to the ground, at which point the friend noticed that Lee wasn’t breathing. Lee was transported to Gallup Indian Medical Center where he was pronounced dead.

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Blackgoat was dispatched to the Indian Hills location on a domestic dispute call, according to the police report.