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MISSING ELDERLY MAN FOUND DEAD IN FAR EAST EL PASO COUNTY

Date/Time: 12-03-07 @ 8:22 a.m.
Location: Montana @ Gas Line Road
Deceased: Cesar Fernandez, 91 years of age, 400 block of Carey

EL PASO, TEXAS – The body of a missing elderly El Pasoan is found in east El Paso County. At approximately 8:22a.m., deputies from the El Paso County Sheriff's Office and Investigators from the El Paso Police Department received a call of a sighting of the vehicle of missing 91-year old Cesar Fernandez. Investigators and Sheriff's Deputies responded to a desert area by Montana and Gas Line Road. Investigators learned that a group of individuals had been out in the area on Sunday December 2nd enjoying the terrain and noticed a Ford Ranger pickup truck. This morning they learned from a news media broadcast that the vehicle they had seen was possibly that of missing 91-year old Cesar Fernandez and immediately called 911. Investigators arrived to the scene and learned that the vehicle was in fact that of Fernandez and immediately called for the assistance of U.S. Border Patrol to assist with a helicopter to search the area as Fernandez was not in the vehicle or the immediate area. Fernandez was found several miles east of his vehicle and was deceased. At this time there are no signs of foul play and investigators will be awaiting autopsy results to learn the cause of death of Fernandez. A countywide search involving all local law enforcement agencies began late Tuesday November 27th once he was reported missing by his family. That same night information to include a photograph of Fernandez was sent to all news media. As a result, investigators received several sightings in various parts of the county,



unfortunately none lead to his whereabouts. The El Paso Police Department asks the community to keep the Fernandez family in their thoughts and prayers.

BACKGROUND:

At approximately 11a.m., on Tuesday November 27, 2007, 91-year old Cesar Fernandez was seen at the Lower Valley Water District at 300 Candelaria. Fernandez has not been heard from since Fernandez was last seen driving a brown 1991 Ford Ranger pickup truck with a camper. Family members informed investigators that they believed Fernandez may have been starting to suffer from dementia. Investigators also obtained information that Fernandez at was taken to the Lower Valley Water District by an unknown Hispanic male, in his 50's. Fernandez was seen getting into a small red 4 door vehicle driven by this unknown man.

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