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Sheriff's Office Identifies and Investigates Deceased Male Found on FM 361, Needville

(FORT BEND COUNTY, TEXAS) – The Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office (FBCSO) has identified and continues to investigate deceased male found on FM 361 in Needville, Fort Bend County, Texas.

On June 11, 2024, at approximately 1:13 PM, the Fort Bend County Dispatch Center received a call from construction workers regarding the discovery of a body in a drainage ditch in the 6900 block of FM 361 near Pine Meadow Lane in Needville, Fort Bend County, TX.

When Fort Bend County Sheriff's deputies arrived on scene, they also located a damaged bicycle nearby and debris from a motor vehicle.

The body was transported to the Fort Bend County Medical Examiner's Office for a postmortem examination. On June 17, 2024, the decedent was identified as Enrique Godinez, 61. Investigators learned the family of Enrique Godinez filed a missing persons report with the Rosenberg Police Department on May 28, 2024, indicating he had been missing since May 19, 2024.

Further investigation and review of FBCSO traffic calls to FM 361 revealed a call was made to the FBCSO dispatch center by an officer with Lamar Consolidated Independent School District on May 24, 2024, pertaining to an accident and stalled vehicle. An

FBCSO deputy was immediately dispatched to the location to investigate. The deputy spoke with the driver of the stalled vehicle and also completed a crash report.

The Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office has reason to believe Godinez's body had been in the area since May 24, 2024. The driver of the stalled vehicle is listed as a person of interest in this case.

An internal investigation into the initial accident investigation conducted on May 24, 2024, by the FBCSO deputy is underway.

"Our sympathies are with the Godinez family," said Sheriff Eric Fagan. "We are working diligently to piece together what happened at the scene."

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