



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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## **Suspect Arrested Following Investigation of Deceased Male Found on FM 361, Needville**

**(FORT BEND COUNTY, TEXAS)** – Deputies with the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office (FBCSO) arrested Emilio Cruz Jr., 33, for Failure to Stop and Render Aid in connection to the death of Enrique Godinez, 61, who was 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 FBCSO 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 and was later identified as 61-year-old Enrique Godinez. Further investigation by FBCSO revealed a deputy was dispatched to the scene of an accident with a stalled vehicle on FM 361 on May 24, 2024. The deputy spoke with the driver of the vehicle and completed a crash report.

The internal investigation into the initial accident investigation conducted on May 24, 2024 by the FBCSO deputy remains ongoing.

A Failure to Stop and Render Aid arrest warrant for Emilio Cruz Jr. was obtained through the Fort Bend County District Attorney's Office and Cruz was arrested and booked in the Fort Bend County Jail. His bond has been set at \$100,000.

"Our deputies and investigators have worked tirelessly on this case to bring clarity to such a tragic incident," said Sheriff Eric Fagan. "Words cannot adequately express the sorrow we feel for the Godinez family."



Emilio Cruz Jr., 33

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