

UPDATED: Dartmouth Police and Massachusetts State Police seek public's help regarding body found on side of road

UPDATE: (5:30 PM)

The Bristol County District Attorney's Office has identified the deceased male located in the area of 180 Horseneck Road earlier this morning as 27-year old Jose Cortez Cornejo of New Bedford. As the investigation remains active and ongoing, no further information can be disseminated at this time.

Original press release:

Dartmouth Police, Massachusetts State Police detectives assigned to the district attorney's office and Homicide Unit prosecutors are actively investigating an apparent homicide which occurred in Dartmouth sometime late last night or early this morning.□

At 5:10 a.m. today, Dartmouth Police received a 911 call from a motorist, who reported seeing a male collapsed on the side of the road in the area of 180 Horseneck Road. When police and paramedics arrived on scene, they located the male and determined him to be deceased.

The victim is an unidentified male and based upon evidence gathered during the preliminary investigation, it is believed he is the victim of a homicide.

The state Medical Examiner's Office will take custody of the body to perform an autopsy in the coming days.

As the investigation remains active and ongoing, no further information can be disseminated at this time. Once the

victim's next of kin is located and notified of his death, this office will be able to publicly identify him through a follow up media release.

If anyone has any information regarding this case or may have been in the area of 180 Horseneck Road between 11 pm and 5 am, they are urged to contact Dartmouth Police or take advantage of the district attorney's anonymous text a tip program.

The first way to submit an anonymous tip is via our text-a-tip program. To anonymously text a tip to us, text the word "Bristol" to the phone number CRIMES (274637). Then just text us your tip. You can also submit a web-based anonymous tip by going to Submit a Web Tip. These tip programs are completely anonymous and your personal information will never be seen by our investigators or anyone else.