



NEWS RELEASE

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Deceased Person Found In A Field Along IH 35

Travis County Sheriff's Detectives have located a body in a field, in Northern San Marcos.

Detectives searched the field, in the 3000 Block of North IH 35, and located a body, about 250 yards west of the frontage road at 5:17pm, on December 7, 2007. A formal pronouncement of death was made by a Hays County Justice of the Peace at 7:03pm, December 7, 2007. Detectives then secured the area and waited until daylight to start their search of the area for evidence and to recover the body. They were assisted by the Hays County Sheriff's Office and the San Marcos Police Department.

Detectives developed leads which caused them to search the area just north of where the body was found for about 18 hours, over three days, earlier in the week. They were able to gather more information that led them to the body yesterday.

The body will be taken to the Travis County Medical Examiner's Office for positive identification and to determine the cause of death.

While the body has not been positively identified, detectives believe it is most likely Patricia Smith.

Patricia Smith had been missing since the early morning murder of her son, Billy Ferguson and the shooting of Mario Rivera, at 10410 Margra Lane, in Southern Travis County, on November 18, 2007. The suspect in that case was taken into custody by federal authorities on December 6, 2006 and transferred to the jail in Del Rio, Texas.

Albert Jesse Segura II, Date of Birth 10-20-1971, was then transported from Del Rio and booked into the Travis County Jail by Travis County Sheriff's Deputies, at 6pm, on December 7, 2007. He currently is charged with Murder, 1st degree Felony, and the bond is set at \$800,000.00.

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