



NEWS RELEASE

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Man Found Deceased On Cell Phone Tower - Update

On May 14, 2008, at about 8:15 am, Deputies were sent to 7614 Thomas Springs Road concerning a man found suspended on a cell phone tower on the property. Fire Units from Oak Hill, Westlake and Austin along with Austin/Travis County EMS also responded.

The man was found tangled in a safety cable about 30 feet up on the tower. It is not clear why the man was on the tower or how far he had fallen to get into that position. He is identified as,

Warren Todd Dronebarger, Date of Birth 5-20-1965,

of Austin.

The Travis County Medical Examiner's Office transported him to their offices for their examination and stated that he appeared to have died from positional asphyxia. (He had been hanging upside down for an extended period which did not allow him to breathe) The official cause of death has not been made pending laboratory results.

There was no sign of foul play, however, detectives are continuing to investigate.

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