Body Found In Northeast Travis County - Updated

On February 25, 2009, at about 5am, a person called the Fire Department saying that there was a grass fire in the 6000 Block of Imperial Drive North. At 5:15am the Travis County Emergency Services District #4 responders notified the Sheriff’s Office Dispatch that the fire was an obvious deceased person. Austin/Travis County EMS pronounced the body deceased at 5:27am. Travis County Sheriff’s Detectives and Investigators with the Travis County Fire Marshal’s Office and the Travis County Medical Examiner’s Office were called to the scene to start the homicide investigation. The victim has been identified as,

Christy Lynne Espinosa, Date of Birth 7-13-1987.

Detectives have learned that she was last seen in the early morning hours of February 25, 2009 in Austin at 6th Street and Trinity celebrating Marti Gras.

Detectives have developed a person of interest, identified as;

Martha Medina-Hernandez, Date of Birth 3-3-1983.

She is also known as Martha Garcia Medina and Martha Medina. She has an active warrant for Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon.

UPDATE: Martha was arrested by federal authorities as she entered into the United States from Mexico. Travis County Deputies went to Eagle Pass, picked her up at 7pm on March 7, 2009 and transported her to the Travis County Jail. She arrived at 1am, on March 8, 2009 and remains in custody on the unrelated warrant.

The investigation into the death of Christy Lynne Espinosa continues. Anyone with information about this case is asked to call Detective Greg Lawson, at 512-854-3426 or Crime Stoppers at 472-TIPS (8477).

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