



NEWS RELEASE

TRAVIS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

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Travis County Sheriff's Office and *STAR Flight* locate deceased body

This morning, May 29, the Travis County Sheriff's Office and *STAR Flight* resumed their search for flood victims near the intersection of Farm-to-Market Road 812 and State Highway 130. At 11:39 a.m., *STAR Flight* located the body of an adult Hispanic male in a retention pond, located near the intersection and in an area of thick vegetation and flooded land.

Sheriff's Office Major Crimes detectives and Crime Scene technicians responded to the location of the body. *STAR Flight* hoisted the man's body out of the area, and the Travis County Medical Examiner's Office took possession of the body. The Medical Examiner's (ME) Office will perform an autopsy to determine cause and manner of death. In addition, the ME and Sheriff's Office will conduct an investigation to determine the man's identity. The deceased was wearing a black shirt, blue jeans and black work boots, but did not have any form of identification with him.

The Sheriff's Office has no reports of missing persons at this time. Investigators are asking anyone, who is missing and has not heard from a loved one, friend or acquaintance and believes that person may have been in the area at the time of the flood, to call 9-1-1 to file a missing person's report.

The Sheriff's Office ceased its active search and will resume the search for missing flood victims in the area of FM 812 and SH 130 on Tuesday morning, when additional resources are available. The search may include sonar equipment and divers to search the two 30-foot deep retention ponds, ground searchers and cadaver-sniffing dogs.

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