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Death of Man Found in Field Ruled Natural

The Fresno Sheriff's Department announced today that the death of Juan Ramirez, 57, of the Five Points area has been ruled a natural death by the Coroner's office.

On Sunday, 7/20/03 Ramirez was found deceased in a cotton field near the intersection of Harlan and Chateau Fresno, northwest of the community of Riverdale. Farm workers in the area discovered the body and it was reported to the Fresno County Sheriff's Department at approximately 7:10 a.m. When deputies arrived, they found Ramirez near his vehicle deceased.

Because of the unusual location that Ramirez was found, the death was treated as suspicious until the autopsy was completed.