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Man Found Deceased near Vineyard Identified

Members of the Fresno County Sheriff's Office Crime Scene Unit have identified a man found deceased on the side of the road. He is 50 year old Douglas Erickson of Clovis. Members of the Coroner's Office found no signs of injury. His cause of death is pending the results of toxicology tests.

Around 2:30 pm on November 3rd, workers in the area of Nebraska and Orange Avenues, west of Selma, made a report to the Sheriff's Office that there was a man lying in the dirt near a vineyard who appeared to be injured. Firefighters with Cal Fire – Fresno County Fire were first to respond. They checked on the man and discovered he was deceased. Sheriff's deputies arrived and closed off the area in order to let homicide detectives begin an investigation into the questionable death. Detectives interviewed people living in the area to learn more about the man. Crime scene technicians examined evidence and a deputy coroner helped transport the body to the office for an autopsy, which was performed on Saturday.

Anyone with additional information on Douglas Erickson is asked to call Detective Adrian Villegas at (559) 600-8210. You may also contact Crime Stoppers at (559) 498-7867. You will remain anonymous and may be eligible for a cash reward.