UPDATE- Deceased Female Found Identified

INDEPENDENCE (*October 12, 2026*)- Following an autopsy Monday morning, the deceased female found in the Independence area Saturday has been identified.

The Tangipahoa Parish Coroner's Office confirms a 64-year-old from Washington state is the individual located by a fisherman along the bank of the Tangipahoa River near the Highway 40 bridge midday Saturday (10/10). The woman's name is being withheld at this time pending notification of next of kin.

Preliminary results indicate the woman died of natural causes. There were no signs of trauma, and initial testing showed no evidence of drugs in her system.

While detectives have not determined what brought the woman to the area, they believe she was living out of her car, which was found parked along the highway near where she was found.

Investigators are continuing to work toward concluding this investigation, but as always, if anyone feels they have helpful information that will give investigators more insight into the case, please share those details with TPSO's Criminal Investigations Division at 985-902-2088.

If you'd prefer to share information anonymously, you can do so through Crime Stoppers of Tangipahoa's tip line at 1-800-554-5245 or visit **www.tangicrimestoppers.com** and click on the P3 Tips icon or Submit A Tip!

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