

Coachella man dies in crash

INDIO — The body of Marvin Luther Cox, 62, was found inside his car under the Dillon Road Bridge at the Whitewater River Storm Channel Thursday afternoon.

Cox, a long time Coachella resident is the uncle of councilman Lester Cox Jr.

According to Indio Police Capt. Darwin Oakley, the body was found by a transient at about 12:30. Coachella police were first on the scene but turned the case over to the Indio Police Department which had jurisdiction.

Oakley said the body had been reported missing by Coachella councilman Cox. According to the police reports, indications are that Cox's car struck the rail and catapulted over the rail into the storm channel.

Cox was last seen alive about 6 p.m. at the Eagle Lodge meeting. He was apparently on his way home from the meeting when his car went off the bridge.

The Riverside County Coroner's office will be performing an autopsy on the body to determine the cause of death. According to Coroner officials, the office has 72 hours in which to perform the autopsy.

Cox, a long time resident of Coachella, was employed at the Imperial Irrigation District.