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Mountain Lion attack leaves man dead

On 12-3-20 around 330pm, Hood County Sheriff's Office Deputies responded to the 15000 block of Howell Rd in Lipan ref. a missing person call.

Deputies were told Christopher Allen Whiteley (28 yoa) was missing and last seen on 12-2-20 in the early morning hours.

Deputies checked a wooded area near by and eventually found Whiteley, who was found deceased.

Whiteley's body was sent to the Tarrant County Medical Examiner's Office for an autopsy.

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The preliminary finds say he died from a wild animal attack, possibly a mountain lion.

The Hood County Sheriff's Office has contacted a Governmental Trapper with the USDA, who specializes in tracking and removing mountain lions.

The Hood County Sheriff's Office, Texas Game Wardens, and the Governmental Trapper are working on locating the mountain lion.

The public in the Lipan area are urged to be mindful of their surroundings and keep young children and animals inside at night.

Quote from Sheriff Roger Deeds:

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“The safety of Hood County Citizens are my priority one, but please don't interfere with the process of locating the animal and stay clear of the area being actively worked by officials”.

