

Deputies Find Body of Stone Phillips' Aunt

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FORT WORTH, Texas -- The body of Doris Phillips, aunt to Dateline NBC anchor Stone Phillips, has been found in an old abandoned farmhouse, according to the Ellis County Sheriff's Department.

The 81-year-old woman disappeared from her North Texas home on July 25.

A suspect that is now in police custody led deputies to the body at about 10:45 p.m. Friday in Bardwell, Texas, officials said

During a press conference Saturday, deputies said the 49-year-old man was a longtime friend of Doris Phillips and that he has a previous criminal history. He is currently being held on a home burglary charge, with other charges pending, officials said.

Bardwell is located just east of Waxahachie not far from Doris Phillip's home along U.S. Route 287 near Old Church Road between Waxahachie and Ennis.

The sheriff's department was not releasing many details in this ongoing investigation.

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