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LCSO Investigating Inmate Death

On Wednesday, February 22 at approximately 11:50 p.m., while conducting regularly scheduled cell checks, a correctional officer found an inmate unresponsive in his cell at the Leon County Detention Facility.

Life saving measures were initiated by the correctional officer and detention medical staff until responders from the Leon County Emergency Medical Services arrived and took over medical care. The inmate, identified as 25-year-old Germaine Lane, was transported to a local hospital, where he was pronounced deceased.

Lane had been in custody at the detention facility since July 2021. His next of kin has been notified of his death.

Pursuant to policy for in-custody deaths, the inquiry into Lane's death was assumed by detectives with the Leon County Sheriff's Office Violent Crimes Unit. The preliminary investigation found the correctional officer spoke to the inmate, while he was inside his cell, approximately 20 minutes before he was discovered unresponsive. No issues or concerns were identified by the correctional officer during that interaction. Lane was housed by himself, in general population and no suspicious circumstances were identified.

Although not required to do so, Sheriff Walt McNeil has requested the Florida Department of Law Enforcement to assist in the investigation. A case review of Lane's records will also be conducted by the detention facility's Mental Health Ombudsman. The Leon County Medical Examiner's Office will conduct an autopsy, to determine the official cause and manner of death.

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