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## **LCSO Investigating Inmate Death at Detention Facility, No Foul Play Suspected**

The Leon County Sheriff's Office is investigating the death of an inmate that occurred shortly after midnight on Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, at the Leon County Detention Facility.

During a routine cell check, a corrections officer located 45-year-old Christopher James unresponsive, in his assigned cell. Life saving measures were initiated by detention facility personnel and medical staff until responders from the Leon County Emergency Services arrived and continued efforts. Despite life saving measures, paramedics pronounced James dead at the scene.

Based on the preliminary investigation, there were no signs of foul-play, and the inmate was housed alone at the time of the incident.

The Sheriff's Office is following standard protocol for an in-custody death by investigating. The Medical Examiner's Office is conducting an autopsy to determine the cause and manner of death.



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