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### **Sumter County Detention Center-Inmate Death**

On December 22, 2015 at 5:50 am during an inmate pre-breakfast count inmates informed Sumter County Detention Center staff of an inmate who was in bed and unresponsive. Detention Center deputies and Rural Metro EMS responded. Lives saving measures were attempted including CPR and defibrillator use.

According to witnesses this inmate Eugene Kerry Rich, DOB: 10/24/1980 of Ocala, FL was watching a football game until about 11:30PM on December 21, 2015. Witnesses stated Rich went upstairs, where he was talking to his bunk mates until approximately 2:00AM about the Bible.

Eugene Rich had been in the detention center since 12/09/2015 for a violation of probation warrant for failure to register as a convicted felon. There were no signs of trauma; Rich was transported to the 5<sup>th</sup> Judicial Medical Examiner's office where an autopsy was conducted this afternoon. The autopsy showed no signs of trauma and toxicology results are still pending.

This morning, the case detective contacted Mr. Rich's father who is listed as next of kin of Rich's passing. The detective later met the father at the Medical Examiner's office and informed him of the preliminary findings.



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