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NEWS RELEASE

DATE: November 4, 2024
EVENT: Kenosha County Jail Inmate Death
LOCATION: Kenosha County Jail, Kenosha, WI
RELEASED BY: Sgt. Colin Coultrip - Public Information Officer

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The deceased inmate was a 39-year-old man.

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Kenosha County Jail Reports Inmate Death

On November 3, 2024, at approximately 1:40 a.m., a Correctional Officer at the Kenosha County Jail Pretrial Facility discovered an inmate unresponsive but still breathing in his cell. Medical staff were immediately called to assist, but upon their arrival, the inmate was no longer breathing and remained unresponsive.

Following established protocols, jail staff initiated Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and requested additional medical assistance from the Kenosha Fire Department. Despite the ongoing life-saving efforts, which continued until approximately 2:20 a.m., the inmate was pronounced deceased.

The deceased inmate was a 38-year-old man from Illinois who had been in the Kenosha County Jail since October 12, 2024. His identity is being withheld pending notification of next of kin. Preliminary investigations suggest that the death is not suspicious and did not involve any use of force by correctional staff.

The Racine County Sheriff's Office has been assigned to lead the investigation under an agreement between the two agencies. All inquiries about this case should be directed to the Racine County Sheriff's Office.

"We are committed to a thorough and transparent investigation and will provide further information as it becomes available," said Sheriff Zoerner.

This investigation remains open and active.

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