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SPD, Sheriff's Office Investigate Inmate Death

Investigators from both the Spokane Police Department and sheriff's office are investigating the death of a 59-year-old Spokane County Jail inmate.

The Critical Incident Protocol was enacted shortly after the deceased inmate was discovered inside his fifth-floor jail cell.

Jail supervisors said Wednesday night that the man's death appears to be of natural causes. His name is being withheld until release by the Spokane County Medical Examiner's Office.

Corrections deputies serving inmates their dinner knocked on the man's cell door about 5 p.m. When he did not respond, they entered the cell and found him inside.

The jail was briefly placed into lock-down status until staff determined that there was nothing obviously suspicious about the death.

A jail supervisor said the inmate had no significant medical history and was being held in an area considered general population.

The decedent has a 17-year criminal history in Spokane County. He was booked into jail on October 18th on a Spokane County charge of Second-Degree Assault and a Clark County Bench Warrant charging him with two other counts of Second-Degree Assault.

All are felonies.

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