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Investigation underway into jail inmate death

Port Orchard, Wash. -- Kitsap County Sheriff's detectives, together with patrol officers from Port Orchard Police Department, have initiated an investigation into the death of a man who was an inmate in the Kitsap County Jail.

Investigators believe that the man's death is a suicide.

The man, age 47, was found hanging in his jail cell at 3:05 p.m. by a corrections officer conducting hourly cell checks. The inmate was last contacted at 2:30 p.m.

Upon discovery additional back-up officers and jail medical staff were on-scene within seconds. First aid and CPR was initiated and maintained until arrival of a medic unit from South Kitsap Fire & Rescue.

The medic crew continued life saving efforts and transported the man to Harrison Medical Center, Bremerton, where he was later pronounced deceased.

The man's family has been notified.

The Kitsap County Coroner will schedule a post-mortem autopsy with the county's forensic pathologist. The coroner will issue a formal determination as to cause and manner of death.

The inmate was being held in jail in a pre-trial status after having been arrested, several times, on charges stemming from protection order violations. His most recent arrest was July 29.

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