MCSO JAIL INMATE FOUND HANGING INSIDE CELL AT DOWNTOWN FACILITY  
CPR Performed; Transported to Strong Hospital

For Immediate Release:  
Rochester, NY (September 5, 2018) – On September 4, 2018, at 2:57 p.m., while conducting a check of the jail cells, two Monroe County Sheriff’s deputies discovered a female inmate hanging from a bed sheet attached to the bars in her cell on the 4th floor of the Monroe County Jail, located at 130 S. Plymouth Ave., Rochester. Per MCSO training and protocol, the jail deputies cut down the sheet and performed CPR on the inmate. The Rochester Fire Department (RFD) and AMR ambulance service responded. RFD and AMR ambulance personnel assumed medical treatment of the woman, continuing CPR. While performing CPR, medical personnel regained the inmate’s pulse and she was transported to Strong Hospital.

Per MCSO protocol, this incident will be thoroughly reviewed and investigated by the MCSO Criminal Investigation Section, the MCSO Internal Affairs Department and New York State Commission of Corrections.

Every death that occurs while an inmate is in the care and custody of the Monroe County Jail or Monroe Correctional Facility is reviewed, investigated, and a cause of death determined. Unfortunately, as is the case at any dwelling; albeit in jail, at a private residence, or at an independent living facility, individuals do pass away.

Sheriff Todd K. Baxter understands the importance of transparency. Beginning January 1, 2018, the Sheriff began openly talking about significant incidents that occur inside the jail, to include, but not limited to, escapes, significant physical injury incidents, and deaths.

History: January 1, 2013- December 31, 2017, MCSO has documented thirteen (13) in custody inmate deaths inside the Monroe County Jail and Monroe Correctional Facility combined. Eight (8) of the deaths were determined by the Monroe County Medical Examiner’s Office to be the result of natural causes. Four (4) of the deaths were ruled suicides. One (1) death was ruled a homicide.

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