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MCSO JAIL INMATE COMMITS SUICIDE INSIDE CELL AT DOWNTOWN FACILITY

Rochester, NY (July 19, 2019) – On today's date, July 19, 2019 at 12:45 a.m., while conducting a check of the jail cells, a Monroe County Sheriff's deputy discovered a male inmate unconscious and not breathing. The inmate was found with his jail-issued uniform wrapped around his neck and connected to his cell in the Monroe County Jail, located at 130 S. Plymouth Ave., Rochester, NY 14614. Per MCSO training and protocol, the jail deputies took life-saving measures to include CPR and utilizing an AED. The Rochester Fire Department (RFD) and AMR ambulance service responded. RFD and AMR ambulance personnel assumed medical treatment of the individual. The inmate was transported to Strong Memorial Hospital and pronounced deceased by hospital personnel at 1:37 a.m.

The Monroe County Sheriff's Office expresses its condolences to the family of the inmate. Attempts to save the individual's life were made, unfortunately they were unsuccessful. The Monroe County Medical Examiner's Office will perform an autopsy. MCSO staff notified the man's family. As a result of this incident, mental health services were provided to the inmates in the cell block and peer support to the deputies.

With any death that occurs inside the MCSO jail, there is a five-layer review process to include: a command review, criminal investigation, internal investigation, New York State Commission of Corrections investigation, and an independent medical auditor's review to ensure all procedures and protocols were followed. The initial MCSO command review shows checks of the cell block were made every 13-14 minutes, under the 15-minute expectation set by Monroe County Sheriff Todd K. Baxter, and under the 30-minute mandate set by the New York State Commission of Corrections.

The inmate entered the jail on July 1, 2019 on a felony bench warrant.

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