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In-Custody Death at the Kitsap County Jail

Kitsap Critical Incident Response Team (KCIRT) Investigation

Port Orchard, WA. January 14th, 2020

On Thursday, January 2nd, 2020, at around 1:40 P.M., a Kitsap County Correctional Officer found 35-year-old Nicholas Rapp unresponsive in his jail cell. Correctional officers, including on-site medical staff, immediately began life-saving efforts. South Kitsap Fire and Rescue responded and transported him to Tacoma General Hospital where medical staff placed him on life support. Rapp was pronounced deceased on January 9th, 2020, and the autopsy was conducted on January 10th, 2020.

The Kitsap County Jail is located within the city limits of Port Orchard. Port Orchard Police Chief Matt Brown requested the Kitsap Critical Incident Response Team (KCIRT) investigate the incident. KCIRT is a multi-agency team made up of investigators from the Bainbridge Island Police Department, Bremerton Police Department, Kitsap County Sheriff's Office, Port Orchard Police Department, Poulsbo Police Department, Shelton Police Department, and Washington State Patrol. As this incident occurred at the Kitsap County Jail, the Kitsap County Sheriff's Office investigators are not participating in this investigation.

Nicholas Rapp was taken to the Kitsap County Jail by the Kitsap County Sheriff's Office on December 31st, 2019, where he was checked by medical staff, and booked on domestic violence charges. Rapp was housed in a single cell with no other inmates. The jail surveillance video does not show anyone entering or leaving Rapp's jail cell. Rapp was located by a Correctional Officer during routine cell checks. No foul play is suspected.

The investigation remains on-going and timely updates will be made available.

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