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Detainee Stabbed to Death At Baltimore City Detention Center

TOWSON, MD (October 15 , 2009)---The Internal Investigative Unit of the Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services is investigating the apparent stabbing death of a detainee last night at the Baltimore City Detention Center.

28-year old Kennard Pratt was stabbed multiple times while leaving a shower to return to his cell at approximately 7 o'clock Wednesday night. Detention Center and medical staff attempted CPR and transported him to Shock Trauma, where he was pronounced dead.

Pratt had been booked for murder and other charges on February 6 of this year and was awaiting trial. His next-of-kin was notified last night.

At this time, no motive or suspect have been identified. Detectives from the DPSCS Internal Investigative Unit, working with the State Medical Examiner and Maryland State Police Crime Lab, are investigating the apparent homicide. They will be interviewing more than 100 detainees and inmates, as well as correctional staff who were on duty at the time of the incident. At this time, no witnesses to the crime have been identified.

The Baltimore City Detention Center (BCDC) is primarily a holding facility for detainees awaiting trial in the City. It also houses a few inmates already sentenced to the Maryland Division of Correction. BCDC, along with the Baltimore Central Booking and Intake Center, is a component of the Maryland Division of Pretrial Detention and Services.

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