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Maryland State Police and DPSCS IIU Investigating Apparent Inmate Homicide At Western Correctional Institution

TOWSON, MD (December 1, 2009)---Maryland State Police are investigating the apparent homicide of an inmate at Western Correctional Institution in Cumberland. The Internal Investigative Unit of the Md. Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services was notified on Wednesday, November 25 that inmate Jeffrey Kay had been found unresponsive in his cell. As per State law, Maryland State Police were notified, as they are the primary investigative agency when inmates die under questionable circumstances in Division of Correction facilities.

Correctional officers immediately began CPR upon finding inmate Kay unresponsive at approximately 11 a.m. WCI nursing staff arrived and continued CPR until Cresaptown ambulance personnel got to the scene. The inmate was pronounced dead at Western Maryland Regional Hospital shortly after arrival there.

Correctional staff and detectives from the Internal Investigative Unit had reason to believe that inmate Kay did not die of natural causes, and thus immediately treated the location as a crime scene. The State Medical Examiner concluded that Kay was indeed the victim of a homicide.

Inmate Kay was serving 20 years on theft, burglary, and related charges. He was sentenced in Montgomery County

Further information about criminal charges and the investigation should be referred to Maryland State Police.

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