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Inmate Death Notification

Thursday afternoon, around 1 p.m., Leon County Detention Facility (LCDF) deputies responded to 61-year-old James Key, who was requesting assistance from the floor of his cell. Key indicated that he was not feeling well and had fallen from his bed as a result.

Key was then taken to the LCDF medical unit and began receiving treatment. Approximately 6:30 p.m., LCDF staff began administering CPR and contacted emergency medical services, due to Key becoming unresponsive. He was transported to a local hospital where he was pronounced deceased.

A preliminary investigation revealed that Key's death was related to pre-existing medical conditions. However, the Sheriff's Office is following standard protocol for an in-custody death by investigating. The Medical Examiner's Office will conduct an autopsy to determine cause and manner of death.



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