



Virginia Peninsula Regional Jail

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VPRJ PROVIDES NOTICE OF IN CUSTODY DEATH

Williamsburg, Virginia – Shortly after 9:30am this morning, Wednesday, July 21, 2021, an Officer assigned to a direct supervision housing unit observed an inmate in medical distress and promptly declared a medical emergency. VPRJ Officers and medical staff responded and immediately began life saving measures, including CPR and the use of an AED prior to the arrival of EMS and the James City County Police Department. Despite exhaustive efforts by VPRJ staff and EMS, the individual was pronounced deceased.

The individual was committed to VPRJ custody on March 3, 2021, and was processed at Intake in accordance with VPRJ's COVID-19 screening procedures. At this time, there is no reason to suspect that this death is related to COVID-19.

Investigators with the James City County Police Department responded to investigate the circumstances of death. The decedent's remains have been transferred to the Office of the Medical Examiner for autopsy. As required, this in custody death has been reported per standard procedure to the Virginia Department of Corrections. This remains an open investigation, and we await the findings of the autopsy.

The James City County Police Department has made notification to the individual's family, and our thoughts and prayers are with them at this difficult time.

VPRJ has no further comment at this time, and will only provide appropriate updates as they become available.