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MEDIA RELEASE

Inmate Suicide Being Investigated by Sheriff's Office

An inmate being held at the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office Detention Facility was found hanging from a noose in the shower area of the inpatient medical housing unit at approximately 4:10 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 1, 2015. The noose appeared to have been fashioned from a towel.

Deputies immediately removed the towel and, along with medical personnel, began CPR. An AED and oxygen were also used in the resuscitation efforts. The inmate was immediately transported to a local hospital. The inmate's prognosis did not improve and the injuries sustained as a result of the inmate's actions proved fatal. He was pronounced deceased at 3:42 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 3, 2015.

The inmate is identified as 46-year-old Tyler Hawkins. Hawkins had been housed at the Arapahoe County Detention Facility since Sept. 24, 2015 when he was arrested by Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office deputies on allegations of 1st degree assault. He did have a \$50,000 bond, but it had not been posted.

The on-going investigation into the death is being conducted by the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office and the Arapahoe County Coroner's Office.

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