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Re: Sheriff Reports Inmate's Death – 2022-18876

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On 06-27-2022 at approximately 3:54 a.m., a deputy working inside the Hernando County Detention Center was conducting a routine inmate count when he noticed a male inmate unresponsive within his cell.

Prior to this encounter, deputies noted nothing out of the ordinary had occurred.

The deputy immediately contacted the medical unit within the detention center and requested medical personnel respond to the inmate's cell. Deputies then entered the cell and began performing lifesaving measures.

Hernando County Fire and Emergency Services arrived on scene a short time later and pronounced the inmate deceased at 4:07 a.m.

The deceased inmate has been identified as **Joseph Frederick Auché DOB/02-11-1967**.

Auché's body was transported to the District 5 Medical Examiner's Office in Leesburg where an autopsy will be performed.

Auché has been incarcerated at the detention center since 05-26-2022 on a charge of **Homicide**.

No additional details are available at this time.

The Office of Sheriff:

The Office of the Sheriff is established by the Florida Constitution. As a constitutional officer, the Sheriff has the exclusive authority to administer his or her agency and is responsible for preserving the peace throughout the entire county, carrying out the laws of the state, the orders of Florida courts, and the ordinances of the Board of County Commissioners. The Sheriff is the chief law enforcement and correctional officer of the county.

Sheriff Al Nienhuis was initially appointed as the Sheriff of Hernando County by the Governor in January of 2011. He was then elected by the people of Hernando County in 2012, ran unopposed in 2016, and was re-elected in 2020. Sheriff Nienhuis remains accountable to the people of Hernando County.