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**APPARENT SUICIDE AT THE FRESNO COUNTY
DETENTION FACILITY**

Sheriff Richard Pierce announced that Sheriff's Detectives are investigating an apparent suicide at the Fresno County Detention Facility. The incident was reported at 9: 01 a.m. on the fifth floor of the Main Jail. Per Sheriff's Department Policy, detectives investigate all in custody deaths in order to rule out foul play.

Preliminary investigation indicates there are no signs of foul play. The Coroner's Office will perform an autopsy to determine cause of death. The name of the inmate involved will not be released until next of kin are notified. The deceased is described as Hispanic Male Adult, who had been housed in a "General Population" housing pod.

The last incident of suicide reported in the County Jail was March 24, 2001.

For additional information contact Detention Custody Bureau Commander, Captain José Flores at 488-2917.