



# NEWS RELEASE

TRAVIS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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## **Inmate Found Deceased In Cell**

On October 4, 2008, just after 5 am, an inmate was discovered, unresponsive, in her cell, at the Travis County Correctional Complex. A medical emergency was called in by the Corrections Officer on duty, however, the inmate was pronounced deceased at 5:52 am.

The inmate, was identified as,

Blynda Loy Brooks, Date of Birth 12-20-1949.

She had been arrested by the Austin Police Department on September 25, 2008 for a Criminal Trespass. The bond was set at \$2,000.00 and she had an Austin address at the time of her arrest.

The Travis County Medical Examiner's Office conducted a preliminary examination and found no evidence of foul play. They are waiting for test results before ruling on the cause of death.

It is routine for several investigations to occur at the same time when there is an "in custody" death. The Sheriff's Office Internal Affairs Unit as well as the Major Crime Unit will conduct separate investigations into the death. At the same time the Travis County Medical Examiner's Office will conduct their own examination to determine the cause and manner of death. All three investigations are continuing.

Note: This is the third in-custody death in 2008.

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