Sheriff’s Inmate Found Deceased In Cell

On July 21, 2008, at 5:44 am, an inmate was discovered in her cell, at the Travis County Correctional Complex, not breathing. A medical emergency was called in by the Corrections Officer on duty, however, the inmate was pronounced deceased at 6:07 am.

The inmate, was identified as,

Rachel A. Jackson, Date of Birth 2-2-1987.

She had been arrested by the Austin Police Department on July 15, 2008 for a Possession of Controlled Substance Warrant. There was no bond set and she had an Austin address at the time of his 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 second in-custody death at the Travis County Sheriff’s Office in 2008.

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