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INMATE SUICIDE INVESTIGATED BY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

On Sunday August 29, 2010 at about 10:10 A.M., while conducting rounds and cell inspections of the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office Detention Facility, deputies discovered an inmate who had hanged himself by wrapping a bed sheet around his neck. Forty minutes prior to the discovery of the suspected suicide, the inmate was observed by other inmates to be functioning within the general inmate population. The inmate is identified as

Jeffrey Wayne Purcella

Age 21

Mr. Purcella was alone in his assigned cell at the time of the incident. Detentions Deputies immediately rendered aid to Mr. Purcella, to include CPR. Mr. Purcella was treated on the scene by paramedics of the South Metro Fire District and transported to the Sky Ridge Medical Center. While being treated at the Sky Ridge Medical Center Emergency Room, Mr. Purcella, passed away and was determined to be deceased at 11:03 A.M. on August 29, 2010.

Mr. Purcella was being held at the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office Detention Facility since March 3, 2008 on a \$50,000.00 bond regarding allegations of Second Degree Kidnapping, Sexual Assault and Third Degree Assault.

The investigation into the apparent suicide death is continuing.

For additional information contact Sheriff Grayson Robinson at 303.880.2201.

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