

Sheriff's Office

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Inmate Death - 201606139

Update (12/22/16):

Humboldt County Coroner's have identified the inmate who died on Tuesday, December 13th as 44 year old Thomas Robert Smith. The cause of death is pending toxicology reports.

Coroners have been unable to locate next of kin. Smith may have family in the Seattle area. If anyone has contact information for any next of kin, please contact the Coroner's Office at 707-445-7242.

Previous (12/14/16):

On Tuesday, December 13, 2016 at approximately 5:15 p.m. Correctional Deputies noticed an inmate experiencing medical issues in the Humboldt County Correctional Facility. Medical staff was summoned and began treatment. Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT) were requested due to the inmates declining condition. EMTs transported the inmate to a local hospital where he was pronounced deceased. An autopsy has been scheduled for Friday, December 16, 2016. Toxicology reports have been requested for processing. The cause of death is unknown pending the autopsy and toxicology reports. The identification of the decedent will be released once next of kin has been notified.

Anyone with information for the Sheriff's Office regarding this case or related criminal activity is encouraged to call the Sheriff's Office at 707-445-7251 or the Sheriff's Office Crime Tip line at 707-268-2539.

Mike Downey Sheriff