



Humboldt County Sheriff's Office

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Subject: Inmate Suicide

Case: 201301220

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On Friday March 08, 2013 at about 7:00 p.m. a Humboldt County Correctional Officer, while on a routine security check within a housing unit, found inmate Jose Fernandez-Moreno, a 46 year old male, unconscious with a bed sheet tied around his neck. Correctional Officers and facility medical staff immediately began life saving efforts which resulted in successfully regaining a pulse. Personnel from the Eureka Fire Department and City Ambulance responded and assisted in transporting Fernandez-Moreno to St. Joseph's Hospital where he was admitted. Fernandez-Moreno was placed on life support after his condition worsened.

On Monday March 11, 2013 at 6:23 pm Fernandez-Moreno died as a result of his suicide attempt.

Humboldt County Sheriff's Detectives are continuing their involvement in the investigation which has been turned over to the Humboldt County Coroners Office. An autopsy date is pending. Fernando-Moreno was in custody on charges of Assault with Intent to Commit Rape, Rape by Force/Violence/Duress, and Penetration by Foreign Object, his bail was set at \$250,000. Fernandez-Moreno was also being held on a detainer issued by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

Mike Downey, Sheriff