



Humboldt County Sheriff's Office

826 Fourth Street, Eureka, CA 95501

Date: 12-12-2012

From: Lt. Steve Knight
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Subject: Jail Death

Case: 201206158

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

On 12-12-2012, approximately 6:40 am a Humboldt County Correctional Officer was notified by an inmate that another inmate, identified as Jonathan Michael Sorrell, 35 years from Hoopa, was having a medical issue. The Correctional Officer immediately went to Sorrell's aid and called for jail medical, extra correctional staff and an ambulance to respond. Initially Sorrell was breathing, however while the Correctional Staff was with Sorrell he stopped breathing and they began C.P.R. until they were relieved by jail medical staff. After an ambulance arrived at the facility a physician determined that Sorrell was deceased.

The Humboldt County Coroner was summoned to the scene. There is no sign of foul play. An autopsy will be scheduled by the Humboldt County Coroners Office to determine the cause of death.

Mike Downey
Sheriff

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