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MAJOR GLENN KURTZ

AT APPROXIMATELY 10:11 P.M. ON JULY 10, 2010, A FEMALE INMATE, AGE 48, WAS FOUND UNRESPONSIVE IN THE BOOKING AREA OF THE SEDGWICK COUNTY DETENTION FACILITY. THE INMATE WAS TRANSPORTED BY EMS TO ST. FRANCIS HOSPITAL AND WAS PRONOUNCED DEAD AT 10:51 P.M.

THE INMATE WAS ARRESTED BY THE WICHITA POLICE DEPARTMENT ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CHARGES AND WAS BOOKED INTO THE DETENTION FACILITY AT 4:23 P.M. ON JULY 10, 2010. THE INMATE APPEARED ILL AT THE TIME OF INTAKE AND WAS CLEARED BY MEDICAL STAFF PRIOR INCARCERATION. THE INMATE WAS HOUSED SEPARATELY FOR MEDICAL OBSERVATION AFTER INTAKE.

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THE SEDGWICK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE HAS OPENED AN INVESTIGATION AND AS REQUIRED BY THE KANSAS LAW, THE KANSAS BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION AND THE SEDGWICK COUNTY CORONER WAS NOTIFIED. AN AUTOPSY WILL BE PERFORMED BY THE SEDGWICK COUNTY REGIONAL FORENSIC SCIENCE CENTER.

THIS IS THE SECOND DEATH IN THE DETENTION FACILITY IN 2010. THE EARLIER DEATH WAS DUE TO NATURAL CAUSES AND IN 2009 THERE WERE THREE DEATHS IN THE DETENTION FACILITY. TWO DEATHS WERE FROM NATURAL CAUSES RELATED TO COMPLICATIONS FROM LONG TERM MEDICAL ISSUES AND THE THIRD DEATH WAS A SUICIDE.

AT THE REQUEST OF THE INMATE'S FAMILY THE NAME OF THE INMATE WILL NOT BE RELEASED UNTIL MONDAY JULY 12, 2010, AT 9:00 A.M. PENDING THE NOTIFICATION OF ADDITIONAL NEXT OF KIN.

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