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Sheriff Wants To Know How Patient Who Died At County Behavioral Health Broke His Neck

Milwaukee, WI – Sheriff David A. Clarke Jr. has ordered a more intense and extensive investigation into how a patient, who died on October 6 while under the care of Milwaukee County's Mental Health Facility, broke his neck. The 25-year-old male was admitted to the facility on October 3.

An autopsy done at the Milwaukee County Medical Examiner's Office indicates that the patient died of a broken neck that caused a blood clot to form in his leg that went into his lung, causing him to die of pulmonary embolism.

Initially, the Milwaukee Police Department was dispatched to a home in regards to a man with mental health issues behaving irrationally. Officers responded, took the man into custody and placed him in handcuffs. Ambulance attendants at the scene looked him over. The man was then transported in a police conveyance wagon in handcuffs and leg irons to County Behavioral Health where he was admitted. He died several days later.

Milwaukee County Sheriff's detectives are investigating the death. This is the fifth death at the County Mental Health Complex this year.

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