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UPDATE: Death investigation at North Central Kansas Regional Juvenile Detention Center

GEARY COUNTY – The Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI) updated on the investigation into a juvenile's death at the North Central Kansas Regional Juvenile Detention Center in Junction City, Kansas.

KBI agents interviewed detention center employees and youth corrections officers about what happened on Nov. 5, and their interactions with the 17-year-old while he was at the facility. The teen had been living at the detention center since August.

The final autopsy report determined the teen's cause of death was combined intoxication by buprenorphine, norbuprenorphine, hydroxyzine, quetiapine, and trazodone. These medications were prescribed to the juvenile. Contributing factors to his death were listed as cardiomegaly, obesity and asthma. His manner of death was ruled an accident.

The Kansas State Child Death Review Board reviews all child fatalities that occur in Kansas, and will evaluate this case.

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GEARY COUNTY – The Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI) is investigating a death that occurred at the North Central Kansas Regional Juvenile Detention Center in Junction City, Kansas.

The KBI was contacted on the morning of Tuesday, Nov. 5 to investigate the death of a 17-year-old male from Dodge City. The teen had been at the detention facility since early August as a result of a child in need of care case. KBI agents responded to the facility to investigate.

By statute, the KBI investigates the deaths of prisoners in the custody of Kansas jails and prisons, and juveniles in state, county, or city custody, unless the person who dies is being regularly attended by a physician, or the death is ruled natural by autopsy.

The investigation indicates that personnel found the 17-year-old male unresponsive around 6:50 a.m., and began life-saving measures. Geary County EMS responded and continued resuscitation efforts during transport to a local hospital. He was pronounced deceased by medical personnel around 7:40 a.m.

An autopsy is scheduled. The investigation is ongoing.

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