



Jail Death Under Investigation

AMITE (December 10, 2025)- The Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Office is investigating the death of an inmate at the jail this afternoon.

Around 3 p.m., inmate Eugene Hickerson, 55, was discovered unresponsive in his assigned dorm. Medical staff immediately began conducting life-saving measures, but unfortunately, he did not survive. Hickerson had been at the jail since October, when he was taken into custody for several counts of Simple Burglary and a Department of Corrections parole violation charge.

While that emergency was underway, another inmate in a separate dorm suffered a minor medical emergency that does not appear to be related.

Immediately following these back-to-back incidents, a contraband sweep was conducted in both dorms. No illegal narcotics were found during the operation.

The TPSO Criminal Investigations Division is actively investigating the circumstances surrounding this death, which will include an autopsy to determine the cause.

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