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PRESS RELEASE

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UPDATED PRESS RELEASE – 02/05/2018

The Sioux County Sheriff's Office update of the investigation into an inmate's death, which occurred at the Sioux County Jail on January 28, 2018:

The deceased inmate has been identified as Dustin Lee Herbst, age 29 of Sioux City, Iowa.

Sioux County Sheriff, Dan Altena requested that the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) perform the investigation due to the death occurring within the Sioux County Jail.

Upon further investigation, which included an autopsy conducted at the Iowa State Crime Lab in Ankeny on February 3, the death has been ruled a suicide.

Sheriff Altena stated that the jail has numerous cameras throughout the facility, which are continually monitored by the corrections staff. The corrections officers also perform physical checks within the entire jail, including the cells. The incident occurred inside one of the cells between the time periods the jail checks were performed by the corrections officer. Unfortunately there are no cameras inside the cells.

Initial Press Release – 01/28/2018, 11:00 pm

On Sunday, January 28, the Sioux County Sheriff's Office investigated a report of an unresponsive inmate at the Sioux County Jail.

At approximately 6:30 p.m., Detention Officers located an unresponsive inmate in a cell and rendered emergency aid.

The rescue efforts were unsuccessful and the inmate was pronounced deceased by the Sioux County Medical Examiner. The name of the inmate is being withheld at this time and the case will be investigated by the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation.

The Sheriff's Office was assisted by the Orange City Ambulance and Orange City Police Department.