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Charges Expected in Death of Buchanan Co Jail Inmate

(MSC News)--A northwest Missouri sheriff says charges are possible in the death of a registered sex offender in his jail cell.

Buchanan County Sheriff Mike Strong said 25-year-old Michael Bozarth was found dead in his cell shortly after 2 o'clock Tuesday morning after other inmates reported hearing a commotion from from his cell.

Strong says the death is being considered suspicious, although he declined to comment on any trauma to the body. The sheriff said Bozarth shared the cell with one other inmate, who was being questioned.

Bozarth, of St. Joseph, was required to register as a sex offender about eight years ago. He was sentenced in January to 90 days in jail after pleading guilty to third-degree assault and remained in custody on other pending charges.