

Inmate cause of death investigated

(KAIR)--The cause of death of a Lansing Correctional Facility inmate, found unresponsive in his cell Saturday, is awaited in a forthcoming, independent autopsy.

That's according to a release from the Kansas Department of Corrections, which identifies the inmate as 51-year-old Eric Avila, who was pronounced dead by local emergency medical service personnel. That followed attempted life saving measures.

As the results of the autopsy are awaited, the investigation is being handled by the Kansas Bureau of Investigation and the KDOC.

Avila was serving a 249-month sentence for convictions of Kidnapping and Second Degree Murder in Sedgwick County.

The death is unconnected to a Saturday scuffle at the facility that left four staff members with minor injuries.

WIBW-TV, citing prison officials, reports that around noon Saturday, several inmates became upset, leading to what the officials told the TV station was a scuffle between staff and inmates.

The four staff members were treated for their minor injuries and released.

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