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Sheriff's Office Investigating Apparent Suicide in Jail
Solano County Sheriff's Office

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On August 15, 2010, at approximately 12:55 pm, a Solano County Jail nurse passed by inmate Octavia Walton's jail cell and discovered the inmate had taken her own life. The inmate had recently been treated by medical staff for a pre-existing medical condition requiring the use of large bandages. Investigators believe the inmate removed her bandages and then used the material to hang herself from a fixture in her cell. At the time of her death, Walton was housed in the medical ward of the jail. The correctional staff immediately responded, entered the cell, and attempted to revive Walton to no avail. She was pronounced dead at 1:19 p.m. by jail medical staff. The last time Walton was seen alive was at 10:10 a.m. when a correctional officer and a jail nurse were making rounds in the medical ward.

Walton was 40 years old at the time of her death and listed a Vallejo address. She was in custody in connection with the Vallejo Courthouse arson case, which was originally reported on June 30, 2010. Walton was arrested on August 5, 2010 at her residence in Vallejo. Walton's charges were for arson, possession of an explosive device, possession of arson material, use of an explosive device to terrorize, and conspiracy. Walton picked up an additional charge of escape without force on August 7, 2010 when she escaped from NorthBay Medical Center for a short period before being picked back up by responding deputies.

Investigators from the Solano County Sheriff's Office and District Attorneys Office are investigating the in-custody death.

If you have any further questions, please contact me at the phone numbers below.

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