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## Unresponsive inmate at Detention Center passes away

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**NORTH CHARLESTON, S.C.** – Deputies with the Charleston County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) responded to the Sheriff Al Cannon Detention Center shortly before 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 10, 2026, after an inmate became unresponsive in the Processing Unit.

According to initial reports, the inmate became unresponsive, and a detention center nurse immediately began CPR. Charleston County EMS and the North Charleston Fire Department responded to assist. Medical personnel were able to restore a pulse, and the inmate was transported to the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC). They were admitted and passed away three days later. After being admitted to MUSC, they were released from CCSO custody, per court order.

The Charleston County Coroner's Office will release the inmate's identity when appropriate.

Charleston County Sheriff Carl Ritchie will request the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) to review. Additionally, the Office of Professional Standards at CCSO is performing an internal review in accordance with agency protocol.

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