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Press Release

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Re: Northeast New Mexico Detention Facility Inmate Pronounced Dead at Hospital

Inmate Ray Stallings NMCD #74497 (DOB 3-27-1971) was found outside his cell at the Northeastern New Mexico Correctional Facility (NENMCF) on September 25, 2012 at approximately 3:30 am. Officers responded immediately to the scene after becoming aware of the incident and initiated life-saving protocols. Inmate Stallings was then transferred to the Union County General Hospital. Inmate Stallings was airlifted to Albuquerque and was pronounced dead once he arrived at University of New Mexico Hospital at approximately 11:10 am. While the manner and cause of death will be determined through collaborative investigation by both law enforcement and the Office of the Medical Investigator, preliminary reports reveal that the circumstances and injuries related to Inmate Stallings as consistent with suicide. Regarding the specific incident and first response, officers of the NENMCF responded within minutes of the incident and immediately began first aid resuscitation until medical attendants arrived. The Clayton Police Department is investigating the incident. In conjunction with this law enforcement inquiry, the New Mexico Corrections Department will conduct a critical incident review to determine the custodial circumstances of Inmate Stallings' death.

Inmate Stallings was not on suicide watch at the time of the incident. Accordingly no evidence of behavior consistent with self harm or suicide was noted preceding this incident.

Inmate Stallings was sentenced to 6 years prison to the State of New Mexico in December 2011 for Aggravated Battery Against a Household Member, Aggravated Battery W/Deadly Weapon or Resulting in GBH, False Imprisonment, and Assault with Intent to Commit Violent Felony.

Inmate Stallings was being held in a Level III-general population housing unit at the Northeast New Mexico Detention Facility in Clayton

Based on the current status and nature of the investigation into Inmate Stallings' death, please refer all other questions to the Clayton Police Department."

Offender History:

12/22/11 AGGRAVATED BATTERY AGAINST A HOUSEHOLD MEMBER, AGGRAVATED BATTERY W/DEADLY WEAPON OR RESULTING IN GBH, FALSE IMPRISONMENT, ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO COMMIT VIOLENT FELONY

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