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El Paso County Jail Inmate Who Died of Medical Emergency Identified

On March 25, 2022, around 4:00 p.m., a male inmate in the El Paso County Jail died while in custody. The inmate was found unresponsive in his assigned cell. Life saving measures were initiated by Sheriff's Office personnel and medical staff until responders from American Medical Response (AMR) and responders from the Colorado Springs Fire Department arrived and took over. Despite life saving measures, the inmate passed away.

The inmate has been identified as Leroy Eckhoff, age 74. We would like to extend our deepest sympathies to Mr. Eckhoff's family and friends.

The El Paso County Coroner's Office will conduct a full autopsy to make an official determination as to the cause of death.

This is an active investigation and all updates and information on this incident will come only from the El Paso County Sheriff's Office Public Information Office.

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