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## **DETAINEE DEATH REPORTED AT OKLAHOMA COUNTY JAIL**

**OKLAHOMA CITY (May 13, 2022)** – At 2 a.m. Friday, May 13, 2022, Oklahoma County Detention Center employees discovered a detainee named Eddie Garcia nonresponsive in his cell.

Detention officers immediately began life-saving efforts and notified medical staff. The Oklahoma City Fire Department arrived quickly and continued lifesaving efforts. Garcia was transported to the hospital where he was pronounced deceased at approximately 3:03 a.m.

Garcia, who was born Nov. 26, 1996, was booked into the jail on March 21, 2022. His family has been notified.

An investigation of the death is underway. It is understood, at approximately 2 a.m. a detention officer performing sight checks opened Garcia's cell door. The officer immediately called for medical staff when Garcia would not respond to his commands.

The preliminary investigation suggests this could be the result of an accidental overdose. However, the State Medical Examiner's Office will make a final determination as to the cause of death.

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