

BUTTE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE MEDIA RELEASE

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On May 20, 2011 at approximately 1926 hours, Butte County Jail Corrections Staff were conducting a routine headcount of inmates at the Butte County Jail. The Corrections Officer conducting the headcount on the jail pods located an inmate, identified as David Ryan Forester (DOB: 12/20/1974), from Paradise, CA hanging by the neck from the top bunk inside a cell. The Corrections Officer immediately called for assistance and administered first aid and CPR while awaiting the arrival of Fire/Medical Aid. Forester was transported to Oroville Medical Center (OMC) for treatment, but was pronounced deceased at OMC Emergency Room shortly after his arrival.

Detectives from the Butte County Sheriff's Office and the Butte County District Attorney's Office were called out to conduct an investigation into the death of Forester. An autopsy will most likely be scheduled for early next week. Forester had been in the Butte County Jail since May 18, 2011.