

# **BUTTE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE MEDIA RELEASE**

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SHERIFF-CORONER**



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**On July 3, 2011 at approximately 0430 hours the Oroville Police Department brought in a male prisoner to the Butte County Jail and booked him on a charge of being under the influence of a controlled substance. The prisoner, a 44 year old white male, was examined by jail medical staff upon intake and then placed in a sobering cell. After the prisoner was placed in the sobering cell, he stood up on a concrete partition in the cell which allows for privacy while using the toilet. The inmate fell from on top of the partition and down onto the concrete floor, landing on his face and causing him to become unconscious. Jail Correctional Officers entered the sobering cell and provided first aid while medical personnel were summoned. The inmate was transported to Oroville Medical Center where he was pronounced deceased at 0619 hours.**

**Detectives from the Butte County Sheriff's Office were called out to investigate the death as well as Investigators from the Butte County District Attorney's Office. An autopsy will be scheduled for later this week. The identity of the subject is being withheld until his family is notified of the death.**