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## **Update: In-Custody Death at the Adams County Detention Facility**

Adams County, Colo. (September 12, 2023):

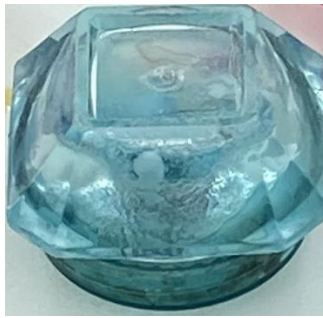
The Adams County Detention Facility had an inmate pass away while being processed for release on September 7, 2023.

A 64-year-old male arrestee was brought to the facility on September 7, 2023, at 10:39 PM on an active arrest warrant. The male was met in the booking area by a deputy and a medical staff member as a part of the standard intake procedure. The nurse assigned to the booking process took the male's vital signs and completed a medical questionnaire with him. As a part of that process, it was learned that due to a medical condition, the male needed a wheelchair, which was provided.

The male was in the process of posting a bond after the intake was completed and was seated in the provided wheelchair in a nearby holding cell. At 11:57 PM, deputies noticed the male was unresponsive and called for medical assistance and began life-saving measures, including CPR and Narcan, as a precaution. Paramedics arrived at the booking area and took over CPR. The male was pronounced deceased at 12:05 AM on September 8, 2023.

During the autopsy that was conducted on September 8, 2023, an object was found in the male's throat. The object was 2.5 centimeters by 2.5 centimeters, and inside that object, multiple pills (suspected fentanyl) were discovered and collected as evidence. The body-worn camera footage and in-car camera footage from the male's initial contact, arrest, and transport were reviewed as a part of our internal investigation. From that review, the male could be seen reaching into the front of his pants during the transport to the detention facility, and, at 10:29 PM, he is seen placing something into his mouth. A few minutes later, the male was removed from the vehicle and entered the jail to begin the booking process.

This investigation is still active and ongoing. The coroner's office will create and release their own report once their death investigation is completed.



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