

# Estate of man killed in jail files tort claim notice

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An attorney for the estate of a man who was beaten to death in the Yamhill County Jail in May has filed a tort claim notice with the county.

Attorney Matthew Kaplan wrote in the notice that claims against the Sheriff's Department "may include failure to adequately supervise and monitor inmates and failure to provide timely medical care to an inmate."

Jed Hawk Myers, 34, was beaten by two other inmates, Zachary Chronister and Joshua Mulbreght on the evening of May 27, badly enough to cause internal bleeding.

Jail officials said that no one heard or saw the beating, which took place in Myers' cell.

Afterward, Myers told deputies that he was feeling ill.

He did not say he had been beaten, but a jail sergeant later told investigators that he had obviously been injured. Deputies moved him to a medical holding cell.

At 1 o'clock, when deputies noticed that Myers was "in distress," they called for McMinnville Fire Department paramedics. Myers was pronounced dead at the jail.

He left a young child as his only heir, and no assets.

Both Chronister and Mulbreght have been charged with first-degree manslaughter and second-degree assault.

The tort claim preserves the right of the estate to file a lawsuit against the county.