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A Yamhill County Jail male inmate was pronounced dead early Thursday morning, according to the sheriff's office. He was identified as Jed Hawk Myers, 34. He was taken into custody last Sunday on probation and post-prison supervision violation warrants.

The Major Crime Response Team, which District Attorney Brad Berry oversees, is investigating the death at the request of Sheriff Tim Svenson.

"The MCRT is used to protect the integrity of the investigation," Sgt. Chris Ray said. "This happened in our facility, so it's good to have another set of eyes."

Early Wednesday night, the inmate informed the corrections staff he was experiencing an unknown medical problem, according to Ray.

The staff transferred the inmate from a general population holding unit to a medical observation cell, the sergeant said.

About 1 a.m. Thursday, a deputy working in the control room called for floor staff to check on the inmate, who appeared to be in distress, according Ray.

Deputies found the inmate unresponsive and immediately began CPR. McMinnville Fire Department medics responded and pronounced the inmate dead, Ray said. An autopsy is pending to determine a cause of death.