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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Inmate Passes Away in the Laramie County Detention Center

On Saturday, August 23, 2025, at approximately 9:20 pm, 47-year-old Patricia Kay Michaelis, was brought into the Laramie County Detention Center by the Cheyenne Police Department on charges of shoplifting.

Patricia was brought to us uncooperative. She refused to answer questions, but followed basic directions given by jail staff. Medical staff conducted an initial medical assessment where Patricia showed no indicators of needing medical clearance from the hospital before being housed. Patricia was searched and put into a holding cell in booking. Later, during routine checks, staff discovered that Patricia was unresponsive. Deputies and medical personnel immediately provided medical assistance, including CPR, in attempts to resuscitate Patricia.

We're saddened to report that at 11:15pm, Patricia was pronounced deceased by Cheyenne Fire and Rescue after she failed to respond to lifesaving measures.

The Wyoming Division of Criminal Investigation has been requested to conduct an independent investigation of this incident. Cause of death is unknown at this time. Once their review is complete, the findings will be shared with Sheriff Kozak. The Laramie County Sheriff's Office will then provide additional information. This is an on-going investigation.



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