

Okaloosa County News Release

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Inmate Found Unconscious in Jail Cell

An inmate at the county jail was found hanging in his cell today in an apparent suicide attempt, after attaching a draw string from a laundry bag to an upper bunk.

Inmate Macrino Garcia Sagastume was lying unconscious on his bed, when found by fellow inmates at approximately 9:15 a.m. Thursday.

Correctional officers and medical staff responded immediately, and began CPR until the arrival of EMS personnel. He was transported to North Okaloosa Medical Center, then to Sacred Heart Hospital in Pensacola, Florida.

The 28 year old inmate is an illegal alien from Guatemala who had been held in jail since May 22, 2007, on a \$50,000 bond for aggravated battery with a deadly weapon. He was denied a bond reduction in court on Wednesday. Jail officials are continuing their investigation of the incident. For additional information please contact: Okaloosa County Department of Corrections Director Larry Caskey at 850-689-5695.