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### **Utah State Prison inmate dies after apparent suicide**

A Utah State Prison inmate died after an apparent suicide Sunday evening.

Joshua S. Ama, 27, was found hanging in his cell in the Uinta Facility at approximately 8:39 p.m. He was housed alone.

Officers and medical staff responded and initiated CPR. Ama was taken to a local hospital, where he was pronounced dead at approximately 9:25 p.m.

The Utah State Medical Examiner's Office is conducting an autopsy.

The circumstances surrounding the death remain under investigation, but an initial review shows officers followed proper procedures. Unified Police Department is investigating the death, which is standard protocol. The Utah Department of Corrections' Law Enforcement Bureau is assisting in that investigation.

Ama was incarcerated in April 2013 and was serving time for assault, disarming a peace officer and assault by a prisoner. He was scheduled for a parole hearing in April 2016.

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