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PRESS RELEASE

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The Nevada Department of Corrections (NDOC) is investigating an apparent suicide that occurred early afternoon on March 15, 2016. At approximately 11:57 AM, correctional officers found Inmate Oscar Valasquez-Yanez, #1027058, hanging from a bed sheet tied to the upper bunk in his cell in the Lovelock Correctional Center in Lovelock, Nevada. Responding staff immediately began life saving measures which were unsuccessful. Valasquez-Yanez was pronounced dead at by medical staff at the scene.

Inmate Valasquez-Yanez, a 41 year old, male, was committed from Clark County on November 19, 2008 and was serving 8 - 20 years for Attempted Sexual Assault with Victim under 16 years of age. The Pershing County Sheriff's Office Coroner responded and an autopsy is being scheduled per NRS 209.3815.



Oscar Velasquez-Yanez

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