

Inmate Attempts Suicide â€“ Jailâ€™s Second Incident in One Week

by Richard Burton

For the second time in less than one week, Deschutes County correctional deputies successfully halted a suicide attempt by a jail inmate -â€™“ this time for a newly admitted man who was arrested late Wednesday night.

The man, whose name is being withheld, tied his t-shirt around his neck and secured it to a handicap bar about 1:46 a.m. on Thursday, October 26. According to a news release issued by Lt. Michael Whitney and Captain Ruth Jenkin, deputies intervened by removing his shirt in the booking/holding room and provided first-aid assistance.

Emergency medical technicians (EMT) then arrived and provided further medical attention. The inmate was transported to St. Charles Medical Center-Bend for further medical evaluation and treatment, said the release.

The inmate was arrested Wednesday about 11:30 p.m. for second-degree criminal mischief and menacing.

Last Friday deputies intervened when another inmate used twisted bed sheets tied to his bunk to attempt suicide. Deputies provided interim medical attention, and EMTs later determined he required no further medical attention, although he remained under medical and mental health observation.

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