

EAU CLAIRE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



MEDIA RELEASE

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1. An Eau Claire County Jail Inmate, Gregory A. Gubernot age 44, died on June 7, 2010, at a local hospital. The death is being investigated as a suspected suicide. Gubernot was arrested by the Altoona Police Department and booked into the Eau Claire County Jail on January 08, 2010, on charges of 1st Degree Intentional Homicide. Gubernot was held on a million dollar bond pending an upcoming trial starting the week of June 07, 2010.
2. The Eau Claire County Sheriff's Office has requested assistance from the Dunn County Sheriff's Office to review the death. The report from Dunn County has been concluded. Reports show the Sheriff's Office staff conducted themselves in accordance with Sheriff's Office and State of Wisconsin Department of Correction guidelines.

One area of the report indicated Mr. Guberont violated a jail rule related to removal of property during a specified period of time for lock out/lockdown procedures. The violation was Mr. Gubernot did not remove all of his bedding and reading materials. This violation was discovered during the review and jail staff will discuss ways to prevent inmates from retaining property during periods of lockdown hours.

3. The Sheriff's Office received information from Medical Examiner Thelen who advised the preliminary manner of death is suicide. The mechanism used was asphyxiation by ligature hanging. This result is preliminary and is pending the return of toxicology reports from the State Lab. Any requests for additional information must be filed with the Eau Claire County Medical Examiner's Office. You may reach Medical Examiner Thelen at 900 W. Clairemont Ave, Eau Claire, WI 54701.
4. There was no suicide note left nor was there any indication by jail staff indicating Mr. Gubernot was suicidal.

There will be more information available after further review by the Wisconsin State Jail Inspector, Eau Claire County District Attorney's Office, and after a report is released from the Medical Examiner's Office. The review is ongoing and reports will not be available until the completion of the review.

If you have further questions on this matter please feel free to contact Sheriff Ron Cramer or Captain Dan Bresina at 715-839-4709.

End of release.