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NEWS RELEASE

September 2, 2025

Regarding: Investigation of an inmate death

Case# 25-26129

On September 2, 2025, at approximately 0008 hrs., a request for medical care was requested by the Jasper County Jail for an inmate that was unresponsive and who later was pronounced deceased. The Jasper County Sheriff's Office, with the assistance of the Iowa Department of Criminal Investigations, is investigating the death. The name of the inmate is being withheld pending notification to the family, and no further information is currently available.

NEWS RELEASE UPDATE

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Press Release: Investigation of an inmate death update

Family members of the deceased inmate have been notified, and the Jasper County Sheriff's Office would like to update the public the name of the deceased as Merissa Marie Hogan age 31 of Algona, Iowa. Hogan was booked into the Jasper County Jail on September 1st, 2025, at 6:19 p.m., awaiting her initial appearance on a Newton Police Department charge of Operating While Intoxicated 1st Offense. No foul play is suspected, and no further information will be released at this time pending an autopsy, toxicology, and the completion of the investigation by the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation.

For immediate release:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brad M. Shutts". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "B" and "S".

Brad M. Shutts, Sheriff