MADISON PARISH CORONER

June 5, 2025

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To Whom It May Concern:

RE: Christa Johnson (Lesley)

This Fact of Death Letter is issued in accordance with the Louisiana Revised Statute 44:19E (1).

This letter attests to the Fact of Death of Christa Johnson (Lesley), whose date of birth is 08/13/1984, who died on 10/07/2022 in Madison Parish.

Sincerely,

Thomas A. Neumann M.D.
Coroner Madison Parish

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J.D. Candidate, 202X
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RE: Public Records Request

This Fact of Death Letter is issued in accordance with the Louisiana Revised Statute 44:19E (1).

This letter attests to the Fact of Death of Lesley Johnson, whose date of birth is 08/13/1984, who died on 10/07/2022 in Madison Parish. The autopsy is not completed for this decedent.

Sincerely,

Thomas A. Neumann, M.D.

Madison Parish Coroner

Case Number: 506-22MAD

REPORT OF THE FORENSIC PATHOLOGIST
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Name of Decedent: Johnson, Christa
Address: 1005 W. Green St, Tallulah, LA
Social Security Number: Not available
Date of Birth: Not given, age 38
Place of Death: LTCW
Investigator: Thomas Neumann, M.D.
Witnesses: None

Date/Time of Death: 10/7/22, 1730 hours
Date/Time of Autopsy: 10/10/22, 1:15 p.m.
Body Identified By: Madison Parish Coroner's Office

Prosector: _____ Completed: 1/19 , 2023
Christopher Tape, MD
Forensic Pathologist

Assisted By: John Peno & Jessica Soileau, Louisiana Forensic Center

CAUSE OF DEATH
Hanging

MANNER OF DEATH
Suicide

[redacted]

Comment:

CIRCUMSTANCES:

The decedent was a 38-year-old white woman who was reportedly an inmate. Reportedly she was in a cell by herself due to quarantine. Reportedly she had a history of seizures and hypertension. She reportedly had been having erratic behavior since being placed the day before according to the coroner's report. According to the accident report additional information that was completed by Millie Holt on 10/7/22 at 7:02 p.m., there was a security radio call at 5:27 p.m. that a nurse was needed to Kentucky B. The commanding officer Spearman reportedly yelled out "she's dead, she hung herself,", as the nurse arrived. According to this additional information, the decedent was discovered on the floor in a 'frog position' leaning forward with her face in her lap. According to additional reporting by the coroner's office, the decedent was found by guards locked in her cell with a bedsheet around her neck and the bedsheet was run through a hole in the top bunk and tied. She was cut down and CPR was initiated. Resuscitation efforts were unsuccessful.

FINDINGS:

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Toxicology is positive for fentanyl (plus metabolites), methamphetamine, amphetamine (possible methamphetamine metabolite), and caffeine. [redacted]

OPINION:

The ligature furrow is consistent with a partial suspension hanging with an ill-defined ligature such as a bedsheet. The scars on the wrists may be consistent with previous suicidal attempts and/or ideation. There are no injuries to suggest a struggle, although it cannot be absolutely ruled out. She was alone allegedly and reportedly. For these reasons the most likely cause of death is a suicidal hanging.

The remainder of this autopsy report is on file with the Incarceration Transparency project, but is not included here as it is not relevant to proof or cause(s) of death.