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Press Release

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OFFICE POINT OF CONTACT: Sheriff Gordon Ellis

On November 19, 2022, at approximately 1:30 AM, an Inmate who was being held in Brown County Jail, Block C, Cell R8, contacted Corrections staff to advise that his cell mate, Joshua R. Oetzel, date of birth of 10/12/1982 was suffering a medical emergency. Corrections Officers and Patrol Deputies responded to the cell and initiated immediate life saving measures. Corrections staff also requested emergency medical response. Inmate Oetzel was transported to Mount Orab Mercy where he was pronounced deceased. The cause of death is undetermined at this time.

The Brown County Sheriff's Office requested that the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) investigate this incident. Inquiries regarding this investigation can be directed to Agent Steve Irwin at (614) 728-5417 or (614) 955-8844.