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Detectives conducting death investigation at the John E. Polk Correctional Facility

Seminole Co. Fla., (March 13, 2026) – The Seminole County Sheriff's Office is investigating the death at the John E. Polk Correctional Facility (JEPCF) of inmate Marshall Drake, 36, of Oviedo.

JEPCF staff performing routine checks of inmates last night discovered Drake unresponsive in his cell and hanging from a bedsheet tied around his neck. JEPCF staff immediately began CPR in an attempt to revive Drake, but all efforts to save him were unsuccessful. The Seminole County Fire Department also responded and pronounced Drake deceased shortly after arrival.

The investigation is ongoing, but the preliminary findings indicate the incident was a suicide, and there are no signs of foul play or suspicious circumstances surrounding his death.

Drake had been incarcerated at the facility since March 5 on felony charges that included possession of obscene material (child pornography) and possession of a weapon by a convicted felon.

The investigation remains in its early stages and is active and ongoing. Detectives will continue working to gather and review all relevant information surrounding the incident.

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