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MEDIA RELEASE

Lake County Corrections Officers Save Life of Inmate

Three Lake County Correctional Officers recently saved the life of an inmate assigned to periodic imprisonment. On June 2, 2021, in the evening, Correctional Officers David Juarez and Daniel Pennington were conducting rounds in the Community Based Correctional Center. While conducting rounds, they discovered a 23-year-old male inmate on the floor in the shower.

The inmate was unresponsive and had very shallow breathing. After assessing the inmate, they believed he was suffering from some type of drug overdose. Officers Juarez and Pennington immediately called for Naloxone to be brought to their location. Correctional Officer Mark Gaines responded with Naloxone and provided the inmate a nasal dose. After receiving the Naloxone, the inmate regained consciousness. He was transported to an area hospital for a medical evaluation.

Further investigation revealed the inmate ingested opioids just prior to returning to the Community Based Correctional Center, after work. When he returned, he entered the shower where he began suffering overdose symptoms and collapsed.

Sheriff John D. Idleburg said, "It is always a top priority to treat those in our custody with dignity and respect. The quick life-saving actions by Correctional Officers Juarez, Pennington, and Gaines perfectly highlight this philosophy and I am extremely proud of them for saving the life of an inmate."

The Community Based Correctional Center is a section of the jail utilized to house inmates assigned to periodic imprisonment, often referred to as 'work release.' This is an area where inmates have been sentenced, but under the conditions of their sentence they are allowed to leave for work, job appointments, medical appointments, and other qualifying events. Inmates must return to the Community Based Correctional Center upon the conclusion of work or their appointment.

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