

Fayette County Sheriff's Office

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Inmate Death Under Investigation

Fayette County, GA – The Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI) is investigating the in-custody death of inmate Rayburn Chatman of Fayetteville, Georgia.

Inmate Chatman was pronounced dead by Fayette County Emergency Services on the morning of Tuesday, October 8. Following standard protocol, the Fayette County Jail notified the GBI to conduct an investigation. Chatman's body has been transferred to the Fayette County Coroner and will be sent to the GBI Crime Lab for an autopsy.

At the time of his death, Chatman was housed in a single cell within the jail's infirmary, where he was under medical observation for pre-existing conditions. The Fayette County Sheriff's Office reports that initial indications suggest no foul play, with circumstances appearing to be linked to his medical history.

Chatman had been arrested for fleeing or attempting to elude law enforcement and kidnapping, and he was booked into the Fayette County Jail on October 5, 2024, where he was being held without bond.