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News Release

08/15/2014

Sheriff Lavender reports that on 08/15/2014 at approximately 1:50 p.m. Deputies in his Corrections Division noticed a disturbance in a male housing unit in the jail. Deputies entered the housing unit and discovered that prisoners had found 37 year old Ronald Smart was trying to hang himself in his jail cell.

The prisoners had got Mr. Smart down and were performing lifesaving measures. The Chillicothe Fire Department arrived and transported Mr. Smart to Adena Medical Center where he was flown to OSU. Mr. Smart was listed as being in Intensive Care at the time of this release.

The Ohio Bureau of Investigation was called to assist Corrections Division Investigators.

The investigation into this incident continues.