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Fulton County Jail Stabbings Lead to One Inmate Death

Atlanta, GA – The Atlanta Police Department is investigating multiple stabbings that occurred at the Fulton County Jail on August 31, 2023, that resulted in one inmate's death. A dispute between a group of inmates led to the stabbings. Dayvion Blake, age 23, and three other inmates were taken to Grady Memorial Hospital, all with stab wounds. Blake was pronounced dead at 3:29 p.m. One additional inmate was stabbed and treated at the jail by medical staff.

On January 25, 2023, Blake was arrested for several charges including possession of cocaine and battery by the Atlanta Police Department and booked at the Fulton County Jail. He was also being held on previous charges due to his new arrest. Additionally, he had a warrant out of Sumter County for aggravated assault with no bond.

The Fulton County Medical Examiner's Office will conduct an autopsy on Blake. The Atlanta Police Department will release the names and criminal charges of the inmates involved in this incident.

Statement from Sheriff Patrick "Pat" Labat:

"The recent outbreak of violence at the Fulton County Jail is of grave concern but unfortunately is not surprising considering the long-standing, dangerous overcrowding and the crumbling walls of the facility that are literally being crafted into makeshift weapons that inmates use to attack each other and staff. We have had an unfortunate series of deaths this year that range from natural causes, to pre-existing health conditions, to homicide. To mitigate the violence and overcrowding, the Fulton County Sheriff's Office is in constant negotiations with other detention facilities, including facilities out of state, to outsource inmates. In addition, we have been coordinating with other agencies to secure additional resources to assist with mass shakedowns and increase the cadence of these shakedowns in order to seize contraband. Since taking office on January 1, 2021, I have been very transparent about the urgent need for a replacement jail that uses smart technology and other common-sense cost saving measures that will relieve the dangerous overcrowding, improve security, provide humane detainment and most importantly save lives."

ABOUT THE FULTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE: The mission of the Fulton County Sheriff's Office is Service; through laser-focused efforts to protect the citizens of Fulton County with coordinated law enforcement operations, special strategic teams, and community outreach methods. The Sheriff's Office is constitutionally responsible for the security of all courtrooms, executing arrest warrants, and serving civil papers. In addition, the Sheriff's Office is responsible for the administration and operation of the Fulton County Jail.

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