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Carbon Monoxide Leak at the Fulton County Jail

ATLANTA, GA – A carbon monoxide leak was discovered last night at the Fulton County Jail that shut down the kitchen by the Atlanta Fire Rescue Department. One contract employee drove herself to the hospital, where she was admitted. Five other contract employees were treated on scene. All kitchen workers to include contractors, trustees, and employees are ok.

Sheriff Labat says, while carbon monoxide is odorless and colorless, employees started exhibiting nausea and other symptoms, triggering the immediate evacuation of the kitchen.

A private contractor confirmed a high level of carbon monoxide in the kitchen and it appears the leak did not affect other areas of the jail.

The source of the leak has been traced to one of eight kettles in the kitchen. As of 1:30 p.m. today, six of the eight kettles are down. The kitchen needs at least four working kettles to prepare close to 8,000 meals daily, sometimes as many as 11,000 meals, depending on the population.

The jail had some food prepared ahead of time in the event of emergencies. There is no ETA as to when the kitchen will be back operational.

This leak is yet another example of the challenges caused by an aging, underfunded jail with infrastructure problems that have led to other resident health issues and stabbings with weapons fashioned from parts of the building.

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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