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MEDIA RELEASE

**BRADLEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE RESPONDS TO INMATE MEDICAL
EMERGENCY**

CLEVELAND, TN. (August 5, 2026) — This morning, while breakfast was being served at the Bradley County Jail, a male inmate experienced a medical emergency. Correctional staff immediately responded and provided assistance until emergency medical personnel arrived.

The inmate was transported to a local hospital for treatment, where he later passed away.

In accordance with standard protocol, the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) was notified and responded to the Bradley County Jail. TBI agents are currently on scene looking into the cause of death.

For additional information, please direct all media inquiries to the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation.

About BCSO

The Bradley County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) is a law enforcement agency serving all residents of Bradley County, Tennessee. The elected sheriff is Steve Lawson, who has held the post since September 2018. John Stone is the current chief deputy. BCSO is located at 2290 Blythe Avenue SE, Cleveland, TN 37311 and can be reached at 423-728-7300 for non-emergency calls.
