

# Hamilton County Sheriff's Office

Jim Neil, Sheriff



## MEDIA RELEASE

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### INMATE DEATH

**Hamilton County Justice Center, December 10, 2018** – Hamilton County Sheriff Jim Neil reports the death of an inmate at the Hamilton County Justice Center.

On December 9, 2018 at approximately 5:00 pm, an altercation occurred between two inmates housed together on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of the North Building of the Justice Center. Both inmates were transported to the medical unit for evaluation of minor injuries sustained during this altercation.

Inmate Cornelius Howell, male/33, was evaluated for a cut lip and was placed in a restraint chair at the direction of the treating nurse. Inmate Howell was not combative with staff and no force was used by Hamilton County Sheriff's Deputies.

Inmate Howell was found unresponsive at approximately 9:40 pm by Corrections Officers doing rounds.

The Hamilton County Coroner's Office is conducting an autopsy to determine the cause of death. There was no immediate sign of trauma or injury to Mr. Howell. Mr. Howell did have significant medical history prior to incarceration.

Cornelius Howell has been lodged at the Hamilton County Justice Center since December 2, 2018. He was arrested by the Cincinnati Police Department and was charged with Aggravated Menacing and Criminal Damaging, both Misdemeanor offenses. Howell's last known address was in the 800 block of Adams Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45215.

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