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INMATE DEATH AT THE SAGUARO CORRECTIONAL CENTER IN ARIZONA

ELOY, AZ – The Department of Public Safety was notified last night that Andrew Sarita, an inmate assigned to the Saguaro Correctional Center in Eloy, AZ, has died. Sarita was found unresponsive in his cell by Saguaro staff during a 10:30 p.m. cell check. He was found with his bedsheet around his neck and attached to his bookshelf. Saguaro staff responded immediately to begin CPR and AED life-saving measures. Paramedics were called and arrived to assist. Sarita was pronounced dead at 11:04 p.m. The official cause of death is pending review by the Arizona medical examiner. Next of kin has been notified. As is standard procedure, the death is being investigated by Eloy Police and CCA investigators. Preliminary reports indicate no foul play is suspected.

Sarita was 27-years old and serving time for second degree Arson and first degree Terroristic Threatening.

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