

Suicide named as cause of Lansing inmate's death

**(KAIR)--Suicide is cited as the cause of death of a Lansing Correctional Facility inmate who died Tuesday.**

**That's according to a release from Leavenworth County Attorney Todd Thompson, who says 43-year-old Ricardo Carlos Ramirez was facing first degree murder charges for the beating death of his cellmate. 56-year-old Fred Patterson III, who was killed August 7. According to Thompson, he had refused to loan Ramirez a pen for a word search puzzle, leading to the murder.**

**Patterson was in custody for a parole violation, having been previously convicted of indecent liberties with a minor.**

**Because of Ramirez's death, Thompson said the murder case must be closed.**

**Ramirez was in custody for a parole violation with prior convictions for aggravated sexual battery and battery on city or county employees.**

**A release from the Kansas Department of Corrections says Ramirez was found unresponsive in his cell, early Tuesday morning, with prison staff immediately beginning life-saving measures, which continued once EMS arrived.**

**Despite the effort, Ramirez was pronounced dead at the scene.**

**The official cause of his death is pending the results of an independent autopsy.**

**The death investigation is continuing, overseen by the KDOC and the Kansas Bureau of Investigation.**

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