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To: Wyoming Law Enforcement Agencies/ Wyoming Department of Corrections

From: Director Steve Woodson

Re: Death in Custody Reporting Act

Effective October 1, 2019, as the State Administering Agency, DCI is required to report certain information to the U.S. Attorney General regarding the death of any person occurring during interactions with law enforcement officers or while in custody.

We are required to collect and submit information regarding the death of any person who is detained, under arrest, or is in the process of being arrested, is en route to be incarcerated, or is incarcerated at a municipal or county jail, State prison, State-run boot camp prison, boot camp prison contracted out by the State, any State or local contract facility, or other local or State correctional facility (including any juvenile facility). For each quarter in a fiscal year, we must (1) identify all reportable deaths that occurred in their jurisdictions during the corresponding quarter and provide basic information about the circumstances of the death, or (2) affirm that no reportable death occurred in the state during the reporting period. For each reportable death, we must report the following:

- The decedent's name, date of birth, gender, race and ethnicity
- The date, time and location of the death
- The law enforcement or correctional agency involved
- Manner of death

In order to make reporting easier for you and us, DCI is requesting all law enforcement agencies in Wyoming to report the in-custody death information at <https://forms.gle/rZz3DfS8yFr819Xv9>. We also have the DCRA information link located on the Wyoming Division Criminal Investigation Home Page under the Links Title <http://wyomingdci.wyo.gov/>. Please report this information monthly, or preferably as soon as possible after a death occurs. Please complete all of the required fields as appropriate. If there are no reportable deaths for your agency to report for the month, please check the "No reportable death occurred" box.

If you have questions, please contact Deputy Director Forrest Williams at forrest.williams@wyo.gov or 307-777-7181.