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PUTNAM COUNTY, TN – Death Investigation

The Putnam County Sheriff's Office is investigating the death of a 45-year old woman who was in custody at the Putnam County Jail.

Genia Foster was stopped by Putnam County Sheriff's Office Deputy Zack Maxwell on S. Willow Avenue at approximately 10:30 PM on Friday night after he observed Ms. Foster driving erratically. Ms. Foster was subsequently arrested for DUI and a male passenger in her vehicle was arrested for public intoxication and possession of a firearm.

As a matter of protocol, Ms. Foster was monitored and checked frequently by corrections officers at Putnam County Jail while being booked into the jail. The officers did not observe any signs of distress during the periodic checks. One of the officers discovered that Ms. Foster was unresponsive while conducting a routine check and immediately summoned medical assistance. She was transported by ambulance to Cookeville Regional Medical Center where she later died. There is no indication of foul play in Ms. Foster's death and she had no apparent injuries or trauma to her body.

The State of Tennessee Medical Examiner's Office was notified and will determine final cause of death. An autopsy has been requested to assist in determining the cause of Ms. Foster's death. This incident remains under investigation.

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