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Joplin Police currently investigating death in the City Jail

On today's date at approximately 06:17 hours a detention officer conducting a routine cell check discovered a deceased male inmate. Mark L Willis, age 50 of Joplin was pronounced dead at the scene. Willis was in a cell by himself. There were no obvious signs of foul play or suicide.

The Joplin Police Department Investigations Bureau is investigating the death, and an autopsy has been scheduled for tomorrow in Columbia.
