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Death of Fulton County Inmate at Rice Street Jail

Atlanta, GA – Fulton County inmate Alexander Hawkins, age 66, was found unresponsive in a medical unit cell on Thursday, August 17, 2023 at 7:24 a.m. Medical personnel were unsuccessful at attempts to revive Hawkins and he died.

Hawkins was arrested by the Atlanta Police Department (APD) on July 31, 2023, and taken to the Atlanta City Detention Center. He had a municipal court hearing on August 1 and his case was bound over to Fulton County Superior Court. Hawkins was taken by APD and booked at the Rice Street Jail on August 5. He was being held on a shoplifting charge with a \$5,000 bond. The Fulton County Medical Examiner's Office will perform an autopsy to determine the cause and manner of death.

ABOUT THE FULTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE: The mission of the Fulton County Sheriff's Office is Service; through laser-focused efforts to protect the citizens of Fulton County with coordinated law enforcement operations, special strategic teams, and community outreach methods. The Sheriff's Office is constitutionally responsible for the security of all courtrooms, executing arrest warrants, and serving civil papers. In addition, the Sheriff's Office is responsible for the administration and operation of the Fulton County Jail.

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