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|  | **Title**: | LAW ENFORCEMENT AND IN-CUSTODY DEATHS | | **Policy #** | | I.1.06 |
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**POLICY**:

For all deaths involving law enforcement presence, as well as those that occur in-custody, the death shall be reported to the Ada County Coroner’s Office (ACCO).

The term “in-custody” shall reference a person, or persons, being held in the custody of law enforcement, or in jail, or prison, upon being arrested or convicted of a crime.

**PROCEDURE**:

1. Law enforcement presence, and in-custody deaths may include the death of an individual with reference to the following situations:
   1. Suspected as being shot by law enforcement.
   2. Suspected as shooting themselves in the presence of law enforcement.
   3. Suspected as being shot by another individual in the presence of law enforcement.
   4. Detained by law enforcement.
   5. In police custody
   6. Incarcerated in state or county institutions.
   7. Incarcerated yet hospitalized when the death occurred.
   8. Under electronic monitoring
   9. Under prisoner work release
2. Upon notification, an ACCO Deputy Coroner will respond to the scene of the death.
3. The medicolegal death investigation shall follow ACCO guidelines, and national standards, to include documentation, evidence preservation and collection, a forensic physical examination, and obtain pertinent medical records.
4. Prior to transportation, the disaster pouch will be secured and documented following ACCO guidelines.
5. The decedent shall be transported to the ACCO for a forensic postmortem examination.
   1. The forensic pathologist on duty will determine the level of the postmortem examination.