

## Deceased Inmate Identified by WCSO

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The Watauga Sheriff's Office has released the name of the inmate who suffered a medical emergency last week and died in spite of efforts by jail personnel, Watauga Medics, and hospital staff at Watauga Medical Center. Sheriff Len Hagaman identified Bobby Lee Ward, 41, an inmate at the Watauga County Detention Center as the inmate who died from an apparent medical condition on October 14th. Ward was observed by jailers to be unresponsive, causing them to immediately administer CPR. He was transported by Watauga Medics to Watauga Medical Center where he was pronounced dead. The Sheriff commended the detention facility staff for their excellent response and compliance with all applicable protocols, and said "Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Ward family at this difficult time."