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Howard County Coroner's Office 2025 4th Quarter Report

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From: David E. Granger, Coroner

The Howard County Coroner's Office investigated 46 deaths in the 4th quarter of 2025. Of those cases, 35 were determined to be due to natural causes. There were 4 deaths by suicide, and 7 accidental deaths. The coroner's office also reviewed an additional 26 direct release cases.

Of the 7 accidental deaths, 3 were the result of drug overdose. Drugs involved include methamphetamine, methadone, and hydrocodone.

Of the remaining 4 accidental deaths, 3 were from injuries from falls, 1 from a motor vehicle accident. Of the 46 cases investigated in the 4th quarter, there were 11 autopsies and 18 toxicology tests performed for a total cost of \$27,791.00. Toxicology tests for suspected drug overdose cases are paid for by the Indiana State Department of Health. All autopsies ordered by the coroner are performed by a board-certified forensic pathologist.

The coroner's office investigates all deaths that occur from violence, casualty, in apparent good health, have died from suspicious, unusual or unnatural manner. The coroner also reviews all deaths that occur in the hospital emergency rooms or within 24 hours of admission and deaths that occur during surgery or while under general anesthesia.

The coroner is responsible for establishing the identification of the deceased as well as the cause and manner of death. Further, the coroner is responsible for death notifications to the legal next of kin and personal property found on or near the decedent.

Respectfully,

David E. Granger, MDI

Howard County, Indiana Coroner