



SUMMIT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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In September of 2017, Summit County Sheriff Steve Barry requested the Stark County Sheriff's Office to investigate the death of Mr. Anthony L. Jones due to Mr. Jones' death occurring while Mr. Jones was incarcerated at the Summit County Jail. Summit County Medical Examiner, Dr. Lisa Kohler, performed an autopsy on the deceased and the results of the autopsy were signed and released on February 22, 2018. According to this documentation the cause of death was Hypoxic/ischemic encephalopathy due to cardiac arrest of uncertain etiology. The manner of death is listed as UNDETERMINED: Cardiac arrest during active restraint while in custody. It should be noted how the autopsy does also reflect the following Accessory diagnosis: Clinical history of schizophrenia, pulmonary emphysema, and Focal moderate atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease. Further, Mr. Jones had been admitted to Akron General Hospital in 2016 for acute encephalopathy, respiratory failure, rhabdomyolysis, kidney failure, substance abuse disorder, and hypokalemia. The investigation was completed by the Stark County Sheriff's Office and then turned over to the Stark County Prosecutor's Office for review. We have now received correspondence from the Stark County Prosecuting Attorney, Mr. John D. Ferrero, that, his office has reviewed the investigation into the death of Mr. Anthony Jones. Prosecutor Ferrero explains how documents from the Stark County Sheriff's Office investigation, were all reviewed, as well as the Summit County Medical Examiner's Office documents, including the Medical Examiner's Report of Autopsy. The Prosecutor ends his communication with, "Based upon our review of the case, probable cause does not exist for charging criminal liability with respect to Mr. Jones' death. Accordingly, we do not believe this matter merits presentation to the Summit County Grand Jury." From everything submitted, it has been concluded Mr. Jones suffered cardiac arrest due to unknown medical origin during this tragic and unfortunate incident. The Summit County Sheriff's Office wishes to thank the Stark County Sheriff's Office and the Stark County Prosecutor's Office for their professional assistance and thorough investigation and offers its true condolences to Mr. Jones' family.

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