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**KENT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**  
**Lawrence A. Stelma – Sheriff**

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701 Ball Avenue N.E. - Grand Rapids - Michigan - 49503

DATE: April 28, 2015

TO: Media

FROM: Kent County Sheriff's Office

RE: Medical Emergency at the 17<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court

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On Monday, April 27, 2015, at approximately 2:30 PM, Kent County Correctional Facility Inmate Troy Peterson attempted suicide while at the 17<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

In the afternoon, Inmate Peterson completed a visit with his attorney at the Courthouse and was awaiting his scheduled court time. After the visit with the attorney, a Corrections Officer went to bring the inmate to the scheduled court appearance when the officer found Inmate Peterson attempted asphyxiation by use of handheld telephone cord in professional visitation area.

Inmate Peterson was transported to an area hospital where he is being treated.

Inmate Troy Peterson was in custody since April 22, 2015 for a Probation Violation out of 17<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court.

The incident is under further investigation.

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