

Correctional officer stops remand person in custody from committing suicide by hanging

A correctional officer stopped a 41-year-old male remand person in custody from committing suicide by hanging at Lai Chi Kok Reception Centre last night (November 15).

At around 7.30pm yesterday, a correctional officer found the remand person in custody attempting to commit suicide by hanging with a bedsheet tied to a fire fighting pipe inside the laundry workshop. The officer immediately provided first aid treatment to him and called for reinforcement. The remand person in custody was found unconscious at that moment. He was sent to a public hospital for further treatment after receiving an examination and treatment by the institution medical officer. The case has been reported to the Police.

A spokesman for the Correctional Services Department said, "The department uses all possible measures to prevent persons in custody from attempting suicide or self-harm. These measures include administrative arrangements, the improvement of institution facilities, staff training and first aid services."

The person in custody has been remanded for the offence of trafficking in a dangerous drug since March 2020.