

Person in custody rescued from suicide dies in public hospital more than a month later

A 31-year-old male person in custody at Lai Chi Kok Reception Centre attempted suicide on June 18. After rescue, he was sent to a public hospital for treatment and was subsequently certified dead today (July 24).

At 6.18am on June 18, the person in custody attempted suicide by hanging with his bedsheet tied to the grille bars of his cell. Correctional officers immediately applied first aid treatment to the person in custody and sent him to a public hospital for treatment. After being rescued, he has all along remained unconscious and received in-patient treatment in the public hospital. His condition deteriorated this morning and he was certified dead at 11.02am.

The case has been reported to the Police. A death inquest will be held by the Coroner's Court.

The person in custody was sentenced to imprisonment for the offence of possession of dangerous drugs in March 2021.