

An inmate awaiting trial on various charges including 1st Degree Rape of a minor child and 1st Degree Sexual Offences against a child, tried to take his own life in the Henderson County Detention Center at about 3:a.m. on Saturday the 21st of November. "The quick response and superior training of those officers averted certain tragedy", said Henderson County Sheriff Rick Davis.

The Sheriff was referring to the fact that security cameras showed that from the time the inmate initiated the attempt on his own life by hanging, until alert officers were able to respond to the unit, lift and hold the victims body weight, and untie the bed sheet noose was well under a minute. "If not for them, he would have died." the Sheriff said. He also credits Henderson County EMS with an "incredibly quick response time onto the scene, ensuring the mans' successful recovery."

The inmate, whose identity is not being released, was in the Henderson County Detention Center under a \$301,000 dollar secured bond. He is also under a federal detainer by ICE agents under the 287g program pending the outcome of any possible conviction and sentencing resulting from his current charges. Sheriff Davis noted that this particular individual had been arrested for Driving under a Fictitious License one month prior to the inception of the 287g program in Henderson County. "Had 287g been in place at that time, this individual having committed a crime, would likely have been detected as illegal, detained, and denied the opportunity to victimize any citizens of Henderson County." Davis said.

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