

Deputy Sean Williams – Lifesaving Award

Around 5:30 p.m. on August 28, Deputy Sean Williams in the process of moving an inmate from one cell to another when something unusual caught his attention. Deputy Williams observed a knotted sheet hanging from a sprinkler head in another inmate's cell.

Deputy Williams immediately called for other deputies to respond as he quickly placed his inmate into a new cell. Then he promptly entered the cell with the hanging sheet and saw an inmate sitting down and crying. The inmate admitted that he had tried to hang himself. Deputy Williams made sure the inmate was safe and arranged for him to be checked by medical and mental health staff with assistance from other deputies. He was moved to a different cell and placed on suicide watch so deputies could closely monitor him in case he tried to harm himself again.

A follow-up investigation into the incident revealed that this inmate had twice attempted to hang himself in the minutes before Deputy Williams intervened. In fact, at one point, he had even suspended himself with the sheet wrapped around his neck before unwrapping it.

Thanks to Deputy Williams' excellent situational awareness and strong observation skills, he was able to prevent an inmate from taking his own life.