Every facility shall have the appropriate number of jailers at the facility 24 hours each day. Facilities shall have an established procedure for documented, face-to-face observation of all inmates by jailers no less than once every 60 minutes. Observation shall be performed at least every 30 minutes in areas where inmates known to be assaultive, potentially suicidal, mentally ill, or who have demonstrated bizarre behavior are confined.

After reviewing video evidence provided by the facility administration, it was determined that while the 30 minute face-to-face observation occurred prior to the inmate’s death, the previous round exceeded the 30 minute requirement by 49 minutes.

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