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Death of Fulton County Jail Resident at Cobb County Jail

ATLANTA, GA – In the early morning hours of Friday, October 4, 2024, Horace Gibbs, age 63, was discovered unresponsive when his cellmate, Ernest Johnson, age 52, notified deputies. Gibbs was taken to a hospital where he was pronounced dead. An autopsy was performed by the Cobb County Medical Examiner's Office that ruled Gibbs' death a homicide. The Cobb County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Division has charged Johnson with felony murder and aggravated assault strangulation. Gibbs and Johnson are Fulton County Jail residents housed at the Cobb County Jail.

On September 2, 2022, Gibbs was arrested by the Atlanta Police Department for criminal trespass, willful obstruction of law enforcement officer, and simple battery against police officer/police dog/corrections or detention officer and was being held on a \$12,500 bond.

Ernest Johnson was arrested on September 6, 2024 by the Union City Police Department for three counts of terrorist threats and acts and two counts of willful obstruction of law enforcement officer and is being held on a \$6,500 bond.

The Fulton County Sheriff's Office outsources residents to Cobb County, Oconee County, and the Atlanta City Detention Center.

ABOUT THE FULTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE: The mission of the Fulton County Sheriff's Office is Service; through laser-focused efforts to protect the citizens of Fulton County with coordinated law enforcement operations, special strategic teams, and community outreach methods. The Sheriff's Office is constitutionally responsible for the security of all courtrooms, executing arrest warrants, and serving civil papers. In addition, the Sheriff's Office is responsible for the administration and operation of the Fulton County Jail.

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