



# Allen County Coroner

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PRESS RELEASE  
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To: All Media Outlets  
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On June 27, 2021, the Allen County Coroner's Office was contacted by a local hospital and advised of the death of Ariona Paige Darling, a female, white, age 18, of Fort Wayne, Indiana. Ariona Paige Darling was an inmate in the Allen County Jail when she was found unresponsive by staff in her cell, with a ligature around her neck. The decedent was transported by Three Rivers Ambulance Authority to a local hospital where death was pronounced.

The coroner's office has completed an autopsy and the Cause of Death has been determined to be Asphyxia Due to Hanging and the Manner of Death is Suicide.

The incident remains under investigation by the Allen County Police Department.

Christopher Meihls  
Deputy Coroner  
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<b>CHIEF</b>	<b>SENIOR</b>	<b>DEPUTY</b>	<b>DEPUTY</b>	<b>DEPUTY</b>	<b>DEPUTY</b>	<b>DEPUTY</b>
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