



Roger Werholtz, Secretary

Laura Kelly, Governor

MEMORANDUM

April 30, 2019

TO: All Inmates
FROM: Secretary of Corrections
RE: Inmate Deaths

In the past week, four inmates have died under circumstances indicating some or all the deaths involved drug overdoses. The four inmates who have died are:

Quinn Martin	LCMHF
Kendrick Gracey	EDCF
Jeremy Waller	HCF
Ethen Thornton	HCF

In addition to these deaths, another inmate was found nonresponsive, but was revived after Narcan was administered.

It is clear from these incidents drug use can, and has, caused death. We do not want more inmates to fall victim to death or to incur serious medical problems resulting from drug use or drug abuse. It is for that reason we are making this notification to all inmates. The substance or substances introduced into correctional facilities is very dangerous and can cause death.

Of course, the use of illegal or contraband substances is prohibited and violates KDOC rules. However, this is more than that. This is a life and death situation as evidenced by the recent inmate deaths. We feel it is critically important you be made aware of this potential deadly impact.

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