

U.S. jail staff faces manslaughter charges over killing of Black prisoner



Charlotte, August 12 (RHC)-- In the U.S. state of North Carolina, a nurse and five guards at Forsyth County Jail face charges of involuntary manslaughter over their roles in the death of 56-year-old African American prisoner John Elliott Neville last December.

The incident began when Neville reportedly fell from the top bunk of his prison bed onto a hard concrete floor. Newly-released video shows guards handcuffing Neville, placing a bag over his head and moving him to another cell.

He was then hogtied and pressed face-first into the floor as he cries out for his mother and says "I can't breathe" more than 20 times. After Neville becomes unresponsive, a nurse begins administering CPR. Neville died two days later in a hospital in Winston-Salem.

An autopsy showed he was asphyxiated while restrained and suffered a brain injury after his heart stopped beating.

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