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## **Cobb Sheriff's Office response to water concerns at the Adult Detention Center**

On Friday January 17, 2020 the maintenance staff at the Cobb County Adult Detention Center replaced a valve within the building's water system. On Saturday an inmate reported to deputies that the water in a single housing area had a slight odor.

Maintenance staff returned to the area and determined that some lubrication fluid used to replace the valve had not been completely wiped down. Immediate action was taken to remove the residual and approximately 25 inmates were moved to another housing area.

As a precaution, the Cobb County Water System has been asked to conduct analysis of water in the now vacant housing area. The test is expected to be conducted on Tuesday, January 21st. Sheriff Warren has instructed that inmates will not be returned to the housing area pending water quality test results.

"Once again the ACLU is spinning a narrative of crisis and conflict when in fact a minor plumbing issue was repaired, inmates were moved as a precaution and additional validation of water quality is being sought," said Sheriff Neil Warren. "Our staff does a tremendous job everyday and having the ALCU trying to cause unwarranted alarm within our community and inmates does more harm than good."

The County Manager and Commissioners were all notified and aware of actions taken by the Sheriff's Office. There have been no other issues resulting from this report.

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