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TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

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MEDIA RELEASE

DISTRICT ATTORNEY GENERAL CONCLUDES INVESTIGATION INTO THE
DEATH OF HERSHEL COONEY DOVER IN THE BRADLEY COUNTY JAIL.

On March 18, 2016, Hershel Cooney Dover died while in the custody of the Bradley County Sheriff's Office. Mr. Cooney was an inmate at the Bradley County Justice Center.

That same day, Chief Deputy Brian Smith contacted this office and advised that Mr. Dover had died. He reported that Mr. Dover became ill in the jail. He was placed in a separate cell for observation. While in that cell, his symptoms worsened. Emergency medical personnel were summoned, but unfortunately, Mr. Dover died.

District Attorney Stephen Crump initiated an investigation by the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation that same day. Agents responded and conducted an investigation that confirmed the details related by Chief Smith and the corrections personnel. In addition, an autopsy was performed on Mr, Dover.

The autopsy report indicates that Mr. Dover died as a result of "diabetic atherosclerotic hypertensive cardiomyopathy, with other significant conditions of COPD." Dr. Jeffrey L. Miller ruled the manner of death as natural. The investigation and review of this death is concluded and no further action will be taken related to it.