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COMANCHE COUNTY, TX JAIL INMATE TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

COMANCHE COUNTY, TEXAS— The Comanche County Sheriff's Office learned late Thursday evening May 14th, 2020 that a recently admitted inmate tested positive for COVID-19. The inmate was not arrested in Comanche County and has been separated from the general population since admitted to the Jail. The inmate is confined to a single negative air flow cell and Corrections Officers have donned full PPE since first contact. Because protocol was followed, no Sheriff's Office staff will be required to self-isolate as a result of this incident.

Early on in March the Sheriff's Office began strict protocol and adhering to CDC and local standards for Correctional Institutions. By order of the Governor, visitation was suspended and further steps were taken to stop all foot traffic, except essential staff, into the facility. The only exceptions are for Constitutional issues. Inmates have been allowed additional outside recreation and limited free phone calls. All attorney visits, court hearings and medical appointments have been accomplished by virtual technology or telephone. On Friday May 8th, 2020 the Jail underwent a surprise inspection by the Texas Commission on Jail Standards and passed. The Sheriff and his team will be working with State and Local officials to continue best practices for the safety of the incarcerated, the staff and the community.

Chris Pounds
Comanche County Sheriff
