

Correctional officers stop person in custody attempting suicide by hanging

Correctional Services officers stopped a 29-year-old female person in custody attempting suicide by hanging in Tai Lam Centre for Women today (November 21).

At 2am today, a correctional officer found the person in custody attempting suicide by hanging herself with a bed sheet tied to the grille bar of a cell. The officer immediately called for reinforcements and stopped the act. The person in custody was found conscious. After receiving examination and treatment in the institution hospital, she was referred to a public hospital for further treatment. A clinical psychologist of the department will follow up on the case.

A spokesman for the Correctional Services Department said, "The department uses all possible measures to prevent persons in custody from attempting suicide or self-harm. These measures include administrative arrangements, improvement of institution facilities, staff training and first aid services."

The person in custody was sentenced to imprisonment for the offence of trafficking in a dangerous drug in October 2018.