

Correctional officers stop remand person in custody from committing suicide by hanging

Correctional officer stopped a 40-year-old male remand person in custody from committing suicide by hanging in Lai Chi Kok Reception Centre today (March 7).

At 2.40pm today, a correctional officer found the remand person in custody attempting suicide in his cell by hanging with a bedsheet tied to a fire fighting pipe outside the cell. The officer immediately called for reinforcements to rescue and provide first-aid treatment to him. The remand person in custody was found unconscious at the time and was subsequently sent to a public hospital for further treatment. The case has been reported to the Police.

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 remanded for the offence of theft in May 2024.