

## PRISON NEWS

WISCONSIN: About 490 prisoners at a jail in Brown County were trapped in their cells between June 17 and 19, 2014 due to a computer glitch that left guards unable to open and close electronic locks at the facility. Officials said the prisoners were not in danger due to the malfunctions, as the locks could still be key-operated and mass released function was available in case of a fire or other emergency. "You try to tell the inmates and their families informed, and make your apologies, but it's just like, everything else: things break down," said jail Lt. Phil Steffen.

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South Carolina: A man who admitted to strangling a fellow prisoner to death at the Charleston County Jail will face felony charges of assisted suicide. Michael Bixby to choking Matthew Glidden, but claimed he was helping Glidden kill himself. It was unclear from police statements how it was determined that Glidden actually wanted Bixby to help him die. Assisted suicide is legal in Oregon, Washington and Vermont, but usually requires a physician's approval and is typically carried out via a lethal dose of medication rather than strangulation. Bixby was charged in May 2014; he faces up to 15 years in prison.

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