

Fire code violations found at jail

Inspection Sept. 26

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In response to a complaint from an inmate at Sullivan County House of Corrections, the New Hampshire Fire Marshal's office conducted an inspection of the jail and found 25 violations of the state fire and electrical code.

"An electrician  Unity is working on it now and the local fire chief is involved," Sullivan County Manager Ed Gil de Rubio said. "No one was ever in danger."

The results of the Sept. 26 inspection were not released

until this week on the advice of county attorney Marc Hathaway, according to Gil de Rubio.

"They were held for legal review," Gil de Rubio said.

The county commission met in executive session Oct. 25 to discuss the reports with Hathaway.

Gil de Rubio said the complaint was addressed and resolved, but added he could not release any specific information.

According to the pair of reports issued by the fire marshal on Oct. 15 and 22, 20 of the violations involved electrical safety.

None of the electrical code violations were deemed as

imminent hazards, according to the report, but did necessitate attention.

Examples of the violations listed in the report included temporary electrical connections, missing junction box covers and several cords run through the ceiling to connect to a power supply.

The other five violations were of the fire code and included inadequate emergency lighting in two cell blocks, a lack of smoke detectors in some sleeping quarters and a boiler room door that is not fire-rated.

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