

Lawsuit against Maui County over inmate death will go to trial

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A federal judge has found a lawsuit brought against Maui County by the family of a Maui man who died while in police custody can go to trial.

Dennis Werek died in September 2008.

According to court documents, Werek could have been dead up to 27 hours before he was discovered in his holding cell.

Werek's attorney says his client died of alcohol withdrawal.

Judge Michael Seabright denied Maui County's motion to have the lawsuit thrown out.

The trial is scheduled to begin in September.



Dennis Werek