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**Sheriff's Office officials called before jury**

Several people with the Alachua County Sheriff's Office, including Sheriff Steve Oelrich and jail personnel, were called before a grand jury Monday amid speculation that jurors are investigating the death of an Eastside High School graduate at the jail earlier this year.

But the daylong hearing ended without any action.

Mark Burkett, 18, who graduated June 9, died June 16 after fighting with jail officers. He had been arrested June 13 by Gainesville Police, after his family said he was acting irrationally. Police said Burkett fought with three officers.

Detention officers who tried to take Burkett to a court appearance that day also said he was uncooperative, and they used a Taser electronic gun to subdue him. Later that day he fought with officers trying to take a blood sample. But he fell limp and was taken to Shands at AGH. He was placed on life-support and died four days later.

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