Arguments To Begin In Utah Lawsuit Over Jail Records Access

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FARMINGTON, Utah (AP) — The operation and inspection records of Utah jails are the subject of a lawsuit scheduled to begin hearings this week.

The Standard-Examiner <u>reported</u> Monday that the American Civil Liberties Union of Utah and the Disability Law Center filed a lawsuit in May 2018 requesting access to state jail records.

A judge in northern Davis County is expected to hear arguments in the case seeking access to documents under the Government Records Access and Management Act.

Utah jails reported 27 deaths in 2016, prompting the state Legislature to pass a law requiring an annual accounting of jail deaths.

The lawsuit cites one of six deaths in 2016 at a Davis County jail in which a woman died of massive internal bleeding after a fall from a bunk bed.