

NARRATIVE ESSAY

## A Death Deprived

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3 North. Telemetry.

PM rounds.

*Clink, swish* as I pass.

The janitor's broom. Sweeping up the remnants of the disruption.

Emptied plastic syringes roll about under sterile fluorescent lights.

Rubber gloves, crinkled masks, alcohol swabs.

Twenty minutes prior—"Call it."

Plastic stickers on an uncovered chest.

A plastic rosary within plastic packaging. Unopened.

Rounds continue.