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CRIMINALIZING MENTALL ILLNESS

Officials say more should be done to prevent lives being lost to mental illness

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The outside of the emergency department at Regional Medical Center in Anniston. (Trent Penny/The Anniston Star/file)

'It's got to stop'

Chief Deputy Jon Garlick of the Calhoun County Sheriff's Office estimates that about six people have died since 2015 because he could not get someone having a mental health crisis into a treatment facility for a 72-hour hold.

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