



San Diego County Sheriff's Department

Homicide Unit

Media Information

SUBJECT: Death Investigation

LOCATION: 1173 Front Street, San Diego

DATE/TIME: December 15, 2020 / 6:00 p.m.

DECEASED: Anthony Chon, 43-years-old

On October 16, 2020, at about 7:00 a.m., deputies at the San Diego Central Jail immediately responded to assist an inmate, forty-three-year-old Anthony Chon, when he collapsed in a recreation yard. Deputies and medical staff performed lifesaving measures until relieved by fire department personnel. Chon was transported to a local area hospital by ambulance. Unfortunately, Chon was pronounced deceased shortly after arriving.

Chon was booked into custody by the San Diego Police Department on February 27, 2020, for the charges of:

Three Counts of 451(c) PC – Arson on Forest Land
Two Counts of 451 (c) PC – Arson to Property
11377(a) HS – Possession of a Controlled Substance
11550(a) HS – Under the Influence of a Controlled Substance

The Homicide Unit responded to investigate the death. No evidence of foul play was discovered.

The Medical Examiner conducted an autopsy and completed their reports. They determined the cause of death to be bilateral pulmonary embolism due to deep venous thrombosis of the leg with a contributing cause of cardiomegaly; congestive hepatomegaly. The manner of death was determined to be natural.

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