



# **San Diego County Sheriff's Department**

## **Homicide Unit**

### **Media Information**

**SUBJECT:** Death Investigation

**LOCATION:** 1173 Front Street, San Diego

**DATE/TIME:** March 18, 2019 / 3:48 p.m.

**VICTIM:** Ortiz, Ivan, age 26

**SUSPECT:** None

**The following information is fragmentary and has not been completely verified. It is based, in part, on hearsay and is intended for early information use rather than being a formal investigative report.**

Deputies doing a security check at the San Diego Central Jail at approximately 3:48 p.m., found twenty-six-year-old Ivan Ortiz unresponsive in his cell. Ortiz was being housed by himself in a psychiatric observation cell. Deputies and medical staff performed life saving measures until paramedics arrived and transported Ortiz to the hospital. Despite life saving measures by hospital staff, Ortiz was pronounced deceased at 8:27 p.m. The Sheriff's Homicide Unit responded to investigate.

Ortiz, a resident of San Ysidro, was arrested by the San Diego Police Department on June 9, 2018, for attempted murder, assault with a deadly weapon, resisting arrest and felony vandalism.

The San Diego County Medical Examiner's Office will conduct an autopsy to determine the cause and manner of death. Ortiz' next of kin have been notified of his death. The Sheriff's Homicide Unit responds to investigate all in-custody deaths. Our response is not an indication of foul play or suspicious circumstances. The investigation is ongoing.

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to call the Sheriff's Homicide Detail at (858) 285-6330/after hours at (858) 565-5200. You can also remain anonymous by calling Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-8477.

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