



# San Diego County Sheriff's Department

## Homicide Unit

### Media Information

**SUBJECT:** Death Investigation

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

**DATE/TIME:** August 14, 2019 / 4:30 p.m.

**DECEASED:** Michael Bush, age 51

**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.**

On July 2, 2019, at about 4:17 a.m., deputies at the San Diego Central Jail found Michael Leval Bush, who was in custody for battery, unresponsive in the intake receiving cell. Deputies conducted CPR and paramedics were immediately called. He was pronounced deceased at about 4:46 a.m. The Sheriff's Homicide Unit responded to investigate the death.

The investigation showed Bush told the other inmate inside the intake receiving cell that he swallowed narcotics prior to being arrested. An autopsy conducted by the Medical Examiner's Office showed a plastic baggie was found near the exit of Bush's stomach. The Medical Examiner's Office determined the cause of death to be acute methamphetamine intoxication, and the manner of death to be accidental. 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 Unit at (858) 258-6330/after hours at (858) 565-5200. You can also remain anonymous by calling Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-8477.

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