



San Diego County Sheriff's Department

Homicide Unit

Media Information

SUBJECT: Death Investigation

LOCATION: 446 Alta Rd, San Diego

DATE/TIME: October 29, 2019/ 3:40 p.m.

DECEASED: Jose Sevilla / age 39

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 August 26, 2019, at about 10:28 a.m., deputies at the George Bailey Detention Facility found Jose Sevilla unresponsive in his cell. Deputies initiated CPR and medical staff responded. He was pronounced deceased at about 10:35 a.m. Sevilla had been in custody since May 30, 2019, for drug and theft related charges. The Sheriff's Homicide Unit responded to investigate the death.

An autopsy was conducted by the Medical Examiner's Office. On October 28, 2019, they provided their report to the Homicide Unit, which determined the cause of death to be acute heroin 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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