



San Diego County Sheriff's Department

Homicide Unit

Media Information

SUBJECT: Death Investigation

LOCATION: 325 South Melrose Drive, Vista

DATE/TIME: July10, 2018 / 10:31 p.m.

DECEASED: Miguel M. Gomez, age 36

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.

Just before 9:30 p.m. Tuesday night deputies at the Vista Detention Facility responded to a panic alarm inside a module and saw an inmate inside the dayroom, in apparent medical distress. The man did not appear injured, but as deputies entered the module to help him, he became unresponsive. CPR was initiated and the man was transported to a local hospital where he was pronounced deceased at about 10:30 p.m. The man was in Sheriff's custody for possession of a leaded cane, being a felon in possession tear gas and a violation of his probation terms. The Sheriff's Homicide Unit responded to investigate the death.

The San Diego County Medical Examiner's Office has completed an autopsy to determine the cause and manner of death and has identified the deceased man as thirty-six-year-old Michael Manuel Gomez of Vista. The results of the autopsy are pending. Preliminary results did not reveal any obvious trauma or the presence of illegal drugs in Mr. Gomez' system. 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 continuing.

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

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