



San Diego County Sheriff's Department

Homicide Unit

Media Information

SUBJECT: Inmate Death

LOCATION: 1173 Front Street, San Diego

DATE/TIME: October 2, 2018; 3:46 p.m.

DECEASED: Manuel Cruz, age 37

On October 2, 2018, deputies doing a security check at the San Diego Central Jail found an inmate unresponsive in his cell. Deputies and medical staff performed first aid until relieved by paramedics, but despite lifesaving efforts, the man died. The deceased man was alone in his secure cell and no preliminary evidence of injury or foul play was discovered. The man was in custody for an arrest warrant related to driving under the influence charges.

The man has been identified as thirty-seven-year-old Manuel Cruz of San Diego. The San Diego County Medical Examiner's Office has conducted an autopsy and provided preliminary results. Manuel Cruz' cause of death was food asphyxia and the manner of death, suicide.

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to call the Sheriff's Homicide Unit 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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