



San Diego County Sheriff's Department

Homicide Unit

Media Information

SUBJECT: **Death Investigation**

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

DATE/TIME: **August 17, 2020 / 6:00 p.m.**

DECEASED: **Spiros Fonseca, 26-years-old**

On June 9, 2020, at about 3:05 p.m., deputies at the San Diego Central Jail were conducting a security check in one of the housing areas, when deputies discovered an inmate, twenty-six-year-old Spiros Fonseca, hanging and unresponsive in his cell. Deputies immediately made entry into the cell to render aid. Deputies and medical staff performed lifesaving measures until relieved by paramedics from the San Diego Fire Department. Fonseca was transported to a local area hospital by ambulance, where he was pronounced deceased later that same evening.

Fonseca was booked into custody on June 7, 2020, by San Diego Police Department for:

459 PC – Burglary
3056 PC – Violation of Parole

The Sheriff's Homicide Unit responded to investigate the death. Fonseca was alone in his secure cell and no evidence of foul play was discovered.

The Medical Examiner conducted an autopsy and completed their reports. They determined the cause of death to be asphyxia due to hanging, and the manner of death to be suicide.

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