



SAN DIEGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Critical Incident Review Board

In-Custody Death Information Release

DATE OF INCIDENT: February 14, 2022

TIME: 6:02 p.m.

LOCATION: Vista Detention Facility

The Sheriff's Homicide Unit conducts a thorough investigation of every in-custody death. In addition to the investigation conducted by the Sheriff's Homicide Unit, the Sheriff's Critical Incident Review Board (CIRB) conducts a review of in-custody deaths. The CIRB is comprised of department leadership and the Sheriff's Legal Advisor and performs a critical review of each incident. The focus of the CIRB is to assess the department's civil exposure because of a given incident. The review may identify potential misconduct, criminal negligence or behavior, policy violations, training deficiencies, or other areas where we can improve and make our facilities safer for staff and those in our custody. This release synthesizes the reviewed incident and any resultant actions taken to improve our operations.

On February 14, 2022, at about 6:02 p.m., while conducting a safety check of the Vista Detention Facility intake area, Sheriff's deputies found Incarcerated Person Gilbert Gil unresponsive inside a holding cell. Gil was the sole occupant of the cell. Deputies initiated cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), administered Naloxone, and summoned medical staff. Medical staff arrived at about 6:06 p.m. to assist with lifesaving measures, including applying an Automated External Defibrillator (AED).

At about 6:12 p.m., Vista Fire Department personnel arrived and took over lifesaving measures. Despite the efforts of emergency responders, a doctor pronounced Gil deceased at 6:40 p.m. As is our protocol for all in-custody deaths, the San Diego Sheriff's Homicide Unit investigated this incident.

The San Diego County Medical Examiner's Office conducted an independent investigation and post-mortem. The Medical Examiner's Office determined the cause of death to be hypertensive cardiovascular disease with diabetes mellitus, methamphetamine toxicity, dehydration, hepatic steatosis and fibrosis, and pulmonary emphysema contributing, and the manner of death to be accident. (ME Case #22-626)

The CIRB conducted a preliminary review of this incident on April 13, 2022. There were no action items identified as a result of that review.