



SAN DIEGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Critical Incident Review Board

In-Custody Death Information Release

DATE OF INCIDENT: May 3, 2023

TIME: 12:48 p.m.

LOCATION: Las Colinas Detention and Reentry 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 May 3, 2023, at about 12:13 p.m., Sheriff's deputies were assisting Patricia Adamson to a housing unit showering area at the Las Colinas Detention and Reentry Facility (LCDRF), when Adamson appeared to show signs of being in medical distress. A call was placed to 911 requesting paramedics, and deputies requested assistance from facility medical personnel. Sheriff's medical personnel arrived and began medical assessments. Adamson's condition continued to decline, and at 12:28 p.m., Sheriff's medical personnel started life saving measures including cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and the placement of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED). Santee Fire Department paramedics arrived at 12:32 p.m. and took over lifesaving measures. Despite the efforts of emergency responders, Patricia Adamson was pronounced deceased by a doctor at 12:47 p.m.

As is the protocol for all in-custody deaths, the San Diego Sheriff's Homicide Unit investigated this incident and documented the scene.

The San Diego County Medical Examiner's Office conducted an independent investigation and post-mortem. The cause and manner of death are still pending completion of the final Medical Examiner's report. (ME Case #2023-01449)

The CIRB conducted a preliminary review of this incident on August 16, 2023, with no action items or policy recommendations at that time.