



# SAN DIEGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

## Critical Incident Review Board

### In-Custody Death Information Release

DATE OF INCIDENT: May 16, 2023

TIME: 3:06 p.m.

LOCATION: Tri-City Medical Center

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 December 16, 2021, Maximillian Aguirre was booked into Sheriff's custody with several disclosed, preexisting medical conditions. He was hospitalized on multiple occasions while in custody and, on March 29, 2023, was transferred to the Sheriff's Hospital Guard Unit at Tri-City Medical Center (TCMC). Based on his declining health and after discussions with his family, who were able to visit with him in the hospital, on May 13, 2023, doctors transitioned Aguirre to comfort care. On May 16, 2023, at 3:06 p.m., TCMC medical staff pronounced Maximillian Aguirre deceased. 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 of death was preliminarily determined to be "hypertensive atherosclerotic disease" and the preliminary manner was "natural." The final Medical Examiner's report is still pending completion. (ME Case #2023-01606)

The CIRB conducted a preliminary review of this incident on October 18, 2023, with no policy recommendations or action items identified at that time.