



SAN DIEGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Critical Incident Review Board

In-Custody Death Information Release

DATE OF INCIDENT: May 29, 2023

TIME: 12:12 a.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 28, 2023, at about 11:34 p.m., Sheriff's deputies were conducting a safety check of a housing unit at the Las Colinas Detention and Reentry Facility (LCDRF), when Roselee Bartolacci appeared to be unresponsive inside of a cell. A deputy and nurse entered the cell and began lifesaving measures including the placement of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). Deputies requested additional assistance from facility medical personnel and a call was placed to 911 requesting paramedics. Santee Fire Department paramedics arrived at 11:48 p.m. and took over lifesaving measures. Despite the efforts of emergency responders, Roselee Bartolacci was pronounced deceased by a doctor on May 29, 2023, at 12:12 a.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 #2023-1736)

The CIRB conducted a preliminary review of this incident on October 11, 2023, and recommended the following action item:

- 1.) That collaborative medical emergency training with sworn and health staff be conducted at all detention facilities