



SAN DIEGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Critical Incident Review Board

In-Custody Death Information Release

DATE OF INCIDENT: July 20, 2023

TIME: 7:29 p.m.

LOCATION: San Diego Central Jail

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 July 20, 2023, at about 6:56 p.m., a Sheriff's deputy conducting a safety check of a housing unit at the San Diego Central Jail found Incarcerated Person Timothy Carlton unresponsive inside a cell. There were two other incarcerated people in the cell at the time. Deputies immediately initiated cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), administered Naloxone, summoned medical staff, and requested an emergency response by calling 911. Sheriff's medical personnel arrived at about 7:03 p.m. to assist with lifesaving measures, including applying an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) and administering additional doses of Naloxone.

At about 7:10 p.m., San Diego Fire Department personnel arrived and took over lifesaving measures, including applying a Lund University Cardiopulmonary Assist System (LUCAS) CPR machine. Despite the efforts of emergency responders, a doctor pronounced Timothy Carlton deceased at 7:29 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 #2023-2344)

The CIRB conducted a preliminary review of this incident on September 20, 2023, with no action items or policy recommendations at that time.