



San Diego County Sheriff's Department

Homicide Unit

Media Information

SUBJECT: Death Investigation

LOCATION: 1173 Front Street, San Diego

DATE/TIME: February 21, 2020 / 5:00 p.m.

DECEASED: Matthew Godfrey, age 46

On November 27, 2019, at about 11:43 a.m., deputies at the San Diego Central Jail were conducting a security check in one of the housing areas. During the check, deputies saw an inmate, 46-year-old Matthew Godfrey, lying on the floor of his cell. Godfrey was the only one assigned to the cell. Deputies entered the cell to check on Godfrey and found him to be unresponsive. Life saving measures were initiated by deputies and jail medical staff and paramedics were called to respond. Paramedics arrived and took over life saving measures; however, they were unsuccessful in reviving Godfrey and he was pronounced deceased at about 12:15 p.m. Godfrey was in custody for a violation of a domestic violence restraining order. The Sheriff's Homicide Unit responded to investigate the death.

The Medical Examiner has concluded their autopsy report and provided it to the Homicide Unit. The Medical Examiner has determined the cause of death to be from hypertensive and atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease, and the manner of death to be natural.

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