



# San Diego County Sheriff's Department

## Homicide Unit

### Media Information

**SUBJECT:** Death Investigation - Update

**LOCATION:** 451 Riverview Pkwy, Santee

**DATE/TIME:** March 5, 2020 / 3:30 p.m.

**DECEASED:** Elisa Serna, age 24

Updated information:

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 complications of chronic polysubstance abuse with a contributing factor of early intrauterine pregnancy, and the manner of death to be natural.

Information from prior release:

*On November 11, 2019, at approximately 8:07 p.m., deputies doing a security check at the Las Colinas Detention and Reentry Facility found an inmate unresponsive in her cell. Deputies and medical staff performed first aid until relieved by paramedics. Despite lifesaving efforts, the female was pronounced deceased. The deceased female was alone in her cell within the Medical Observation Unit and no preliminary evidence of foul play was discovered. The female had been in custody for six days for theft and drug related charges.*

*The female has been identified as twenty-four-year-old Elisa Serna of Alpine. The San Diego County Medical Examiner's Office has conducted an autopsy; however, the cause and manner of death are pending.*

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