



PRESS RELEASE

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TYPE OF INCIDENT: In-Custody Death

LOCATION: 701 Abel Street Milpitas, CA

CASE NUMBER: 17-171-0069J

DATE: June 20, 2017

TIME: 5:40am

UPDATE:

On Thursday June 22, 2017, at approximately 12:58 PM, Shane Varaiya passed away from his injuries. Varaiya was originally booked into custody on May 28, 2017. Varaiya was 35 years old and lived in Cupertino, California.

DETAILS:

On Tuesday June 20, 2017, at approximately 5:40 AM, Deputies were alerted by inmates of an unresponsive inmate outside Barrack 4/5 of the Minimum Camp at the Elmwood Correctional Facility.

Deputies located a 35 year old male at the base of the exterior stairway of the barracks. The male was unconscious, and not breathing. Deputies performed CPR and utilized an AED in an attempt to resuscitate the inmate. Custody medical staff immediately administered emergency First Aid. An ambulance transported the male to a local hospital where he was treated for life threatening injuries.

This area of Elmwood houses the lowest security level offenders within Santa Clara County. The Minimum Camp is the least restrictive housing area which allows for greater access to structured and unstructured programming in a dorm setting. The barrack staircases are used by inmates as part of their regular movement throughout the camp.

The Sheriff's Office is following standard protocols, Sheriff's Detectives and Crime Scene Investigators are investigating in conjunction with the District Attorney's Office. While a thorough investigation is underway, the preliminary indicators of the investigation are the individual jumped from the second story stairwell for the purpose of talking his own life or accidentally fell from the stairwell. The incident was not captured on video surveillance.

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