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TYPE OF INCIDENT: In-Custody Death

LOCATION: Valley Medical Center 751 S. Bascom, San Jose, CA 95128

CASE NUMBER: 17-252-0046J

On September 10, 2017, at approximately 3:02pm, a 40 year old female inmate was pronounced deceased at Valley Medical Center.

On the evening of September 8, 2017, the Elmwood inmate complained to a fellow inmate that she had a headache and felt as if she was going to pass out. Custody staff was alerted to the medical emergency. After a preliminary assessment by custody medical staff, the inmate was transported to Valley Medical Center by ambulance. The inmate had no signs of physical trauma.

The inmate had been in custody since November 22, 2016.

The Sheriff's Office is following standard protocol for an in custody death that includes, but is not limited to; deploying Sheriff's Office Detectives, notifying the District Attorney's Office as well as the Medical Examiner Coroner's Office.

At this time, we will not release any additional information until there is confirmation that the next of kin has been notified and we have additional information from the investigation.

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