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Coroner Investigator's Report

CALL INFO	NAME OF DECEASED (LAST, FIRST MIDDLE) MARTINEZ, Mario Michael				TENTATIVE ID <input type="checkbox"/>	UNIDENTIFIED <input type="checkbox"/>	CASE NUMBER 2015-02179	
	REPORTED BY R. Lacer 1669		REPORTED BY PHONE NO. (510) 667-3646		REPORTING AGENCY Alameda County Sheriff's Office-ETS			REFERENCE NUMBER 15-012121
	INVESTIGATOR Stephanie Beezley		CALL DATE AND TIME 7/15/2015 12:09		CASE TYPE Removal Case			
DECEDENT	DATE AND TIME OF DEATH 7/15/2015 11:44		DATE OF BIRTH [REDACTED]	AGE 29 Years	GENDER Male	RACE Hispanic	MARITAL STATUS Single	VET? <input type="checkbox"/>
	HGT 69	WGT 204	EYE COLOR Brown	HAIR COLOR Blk	OCCUPATION		EMPLOYER	
	Preliminary Summary Probable natural death of a 29 year old male at Santa Rita Jail. Complained of not being able to breath. escorted to outside yard with inhaler. Corizon health services was called. Became unable to follow commands was taken to Nurses room where he became unresponsive. CPR was started and 911 was called. Alco FD responded and continued CPR. Was unsuccessful and death was determined. ** Call Sgt. Gemmell one hour prior to autopsy **							
DEATH	LOCATION OF DEATH Santa Rita Jail						LOD TYPE Other	
	ADDRESS (STREET, CITY, STATE, ZIP) 5325 Broder Blvd Dublin CA 94568						COUNTY Alameda	
	Manner Natural				Death Certificate Signed By:			
	Cause A Acute asthmatic respiratory insufficiency						Interval	Hours
	Cause B						Interval	
	Cause C						Interval	
	Cause D						Interval	
Other Significant Conditions								
NOTIFICATION	LEGAL NEXT OF KIN Tanti Martinez			RELATIONSHIP Mother		TELEPHONE NO. [REDACTED]		
	NOTIFIED BY Matthew Meldrum			METHOD Phone Contact		DATE AND TIME 7/15/2015 15:45		
	IDENTIFICATION METHOD Finger Prints			DATE AND TIME 7/17/2015 12:00				
INCIDENT	LOCATION OF INCIDENT						AT WORK <input type="checkbox"/>	
	ADDRESS (STREET, CITY, STATE, ZIP)						COUNTY	
	INVESTIGATING AGENCY Alameda County Sheriff's Office-ETS						INV AGENCY PHONE NUMBER	OFFICER Sgt Gemmell
DISP	FUNERAL HOME Mission Funeral Home				BODY RELEASED TO FUNERAL HOME ON 7/17/2015 15:10			
	Full Autopsy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Partial Autopsy <input type="checkbox"/> Inspection <input type="checkbox"/> Record Review <input type="checkbox"/> Inspection w/Specimen <input type="checkbox"/>				EXAM BY John Iocco			



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Investigator Narrative

Decedent: MARTINEZ, Mario Michael
Case Number: 2015-02179
Investigator: Stephanie Beezley

First Call Information:

On Wednesday, July 15, 2015, about 1209 hours, I (Beezley) received a telephone call from Alameda County Sheriff's Office Lieutenant R. Lacer #1669 who called to report the death of an inmate at Santa Rita Jail in Housing Unit 6. The inmate who was identified as Mario Martinez was having difficulty breathing so he was escorted to the Quasi yard, with his respiratory inhaler, to get some fresh air. Corizon Health Services (CHS) responded to Housing Unit 6 to give Martinez a breathing treatment, but as Martinez was escorted to the sick call room he became unresponsive. CPR was started by Corizon medical staff and 9-1-1 was called. Alameda County Fire Department, Truck 17 and Engine 17, arrived on scene and continued with CPR, but life saving measures were unsuccessful and death was pronounced at 1144 hours.

Medical Summary:

Deputy Christiansen reported to me that Martinez had an extensive history of asthma and polyps in his nasal cavity. I (Beezley) ordered medical records from Corizon Medical Services at Santa Rita Jail. I received and reviewed the records and then placed a copy into the Coroner's Pathologist box for review. The medical records showed Martinez had a history of asthma and nasal polyps, but did not have any known allergies to medication. (SB2018)

Description of the Death/ Injury Scene:

Martinez died at Santa Rita Jail, Housing Unit 6, in Dublin. (SB2018)

Body Identification:

Deputy Christiansen identified Martinez to me with the use of his jail issued wristband that included his name, photograph and Personal File Number. The photograph on the wristband appeared to match to the decedent. (SB2018)

On Friday July 17, 2015, I (Henshaw) received a fax from the Alameda County Sheriff's Office Central Identification Bureau (CIB) regarding the finger print comparison of Mario Martinez. The comparison of finger prints from the decedent were a positive match to finger prints associated with person file number BDN913, Mario Martinez on record with the Alameda County Sheriff's Office. (JDH1886)

Next of Kin Investigation:

On Wednesday, July 15, 2015, about 1545 hours, Deputy Meldrum contacted Martinez's mother, Tanti Martinez, to notify her of her son's death. Tanti informed Deputy Meldrum that Martinez was not married and had no children, which made her his legal next of kin. (SB2018)

On Wednesday, July 15, 2015, about 1600 hours, I (Beezley) called Tanti's phone number but someone who identified themselves as the Human Resources Manager at her job answered the phone. She stated



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Tanti was extremely upset and could not speak on the phone. I could hear someone crying in the background, so I asked her if Tanti could call me back. I gave my telephone number, but I have not received a call back. (SB2018)

Other Agency Reports:

Alameda County Sheriff's Office report number 15-012121. Deputy Christiansen is the primary deputy on this case. I received a copy of this report, reviewed it, and placed the copy in the case file. The information provided to me while on scene was accurate, however additional information I reviewed in the report was added to the investigation section of this report. (SB2018)

Property and Evidence:

I provided ACSO Sheriff's Technician Anderson a copy of Coroner's Receipt number 36166 for Martinez's body and personal property. (SB2018)

On Monday, July 27, 2015, about 1145 hours, I (Frazier) arrived at Santa Rita Jail in Dublin as requested by Watch Commander Lieutenant T. Schellenburg #1346 to pickup money belonging to inmate Martinez and a death summary. The money collected totaled \$61.41. I received the money and I documented it on Coroner's receipt #36150. At the Coroner's Bureau, I entered the amount into CME and I placed it into the temporary drop box in the morgue. I placed the copy of the death summary in the case file and gave a copy to Coroner's Pathologist Dr. J. Iocco. (CEF1691)

Coroners Fees:

There are body removal and body preparation fees totaling \$321 associated with this case. (SB2018)

On Saturday, August 15, 2015, while preparing this case for closure, I (Beezley) saw the Coroner's fees have been paid in full. (SB2018)

Investigative Details:

On Wednesday, July 15, 2015, about 1310 hours, Deputy Henshaw and I (Beezley) arrived at Santa Rita Jail. We entered the East side of Housing Unit 6 and saw Martinez lying on his back, on the floor outside of the nurses' station, with his hands at his side. Martinez was wearing a pair of boxer shorts and socks. Medical therapies were still in place. There appeared to be bruising on his chest in the area consistent with the use of a CPR device. I was informed that ACFD personnel had used a mechanical device for CPR. There was no other noticeable trauma to the body. I placed both of Martinez's hands into paper bags to preserve any trace evidence. Deputy Henshaw took photographs of Martinez and the scene.

Deputy Henshaw and I (Beezley) searched Martinez's cell, C-8, which he shared with another inmate identified as Jose Louis Delacruz Jr. (PFN:AXX544). Delacruz had been placed into an isolation cell in the back hall of Housing Unit 6 during the investigation. Cell C-8 was appeared organized and it did not appear any struggle or altercation had occurred. Martinez's bunk was the top bunk which contained a rolled up mattress and a plastic bin with personal belongings. I collected photographs and other paperwork from the cell and later placed it with his personal property that was provided to me by jail staff. I later processed all collected property at the Coroner's Bureau. A pill was located in cell C-8, later identified as 45mg Remeron, which was located in a plastic cup on the desk. ACSO Detectives Sgt Gemmell and Deputy Hawks collected the pill. Per CHS, neither Martinez or Delacruz had a prescription for the Remeron pill found in the cell.



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Deputy Christiansen told me the following information: About 1030 hours, Martinez had returned to Housing Unit 6 from a dental appointment. At 1058 hours, Martinez was out for recreation time in C-Pod when Delacruz noticed Martinez appeared to be having difficulty breathing. Delacruz told Martinez to tell the Housing Unit Deputy staff so they could call for medical assistance. Martinez refused any medical assistance at first. Delacruz convinced Martinez that he needed medical help, so Delacruz went to the pod door and contacted the Housing Unit Technician, Padilla, via the pod door intercom button. Delacruz informed Sheriff's Technician Padilla that Martinez was having difficulty breathing. Technician Padilla then relayed the information to the Housing Unit Deputy, Carriedo, about Martinez's situation. Deputy Carriedo responded to C-pod, where he saw Martinez having difficulty with his breathing. Martinez was allowed to walk from the pod into the day room, unassisted, but did so very slowly. Deputy Carriedo requested Sheriff's Technician Padilla contact CHS to have a nurse respond to Housing Unit 6 for medical attention. Martinez sat at a table in the day room, where he used his inhaler (Proventil). Deputy Carriedo asked Martinez if he wanted to go outside into the quasi-yard for fresh air. Martinez agreed and walked to the yard with his inhaler and then began to walk around. Deputy Carriedo stated while Martinez was in the yard he could hear him wheezing as he walked by.

Deputy Christiansen said, about 1101 hours, CHS Registered Nurse (RN) Inocencio and Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN) Padmore arrived at Housing Unit 6. RN Inocencio began preparing a breathing treatment for Martinez who was now having even more difficulty breathing and was now on his hands and knees in the yard. Martinez was instructed to walk to the nurses' station but remained on his hands and knees. Martinez was then assisted to the nurses' station by Deputy Christiansen and LVN Padmore and seated on the floor just outside the nurses' station located on the East side of Housing Unit 6. While seated on the floor the breathing treatment was still being set up by Nurse Inocencio. At 1110 hours, Martinez became unresponsive and CPR was initiated by Nurse Inocencio. Deputy Christiansen contacted Control Point 1 (CP1) via his handheld radio and requested a "Code 3" medical response. At 1120 hours, Alameda County Fire Department responded and continued to administer CPR to Martinez. At 1126 hours, Paramedics Plus arrived on scene and assisted with Martinez medical aide as well. At 1144 hours, it was determined that life saving measures had been unsuccessful and death was pronounced by Paramedic Pita.

On Wednesday, July 15, about 1455 hours, Deputy Henshaw and I (Beezley) returned to the Coroner's Bureau. Deputy Henshaw took intake photographs and we processed Martinez into the Coroner's Bureau Morgue. The photographs were later downloaded to a CD-R disk and placed into the case file. (SB2018)

On Thursday, July 16, 2015, at 1013 hours, Coroner's Pathologist Dr. J. Iocco performed an autopsy on Martinez. The cause of death was deferred pending toxicology results. (SB2018)

On Friday, July 17, 2015, Central Valley Toxicology (CVT) received Martinez's femoral blood sample. CVT conducted a complete drug screen on the sample and there was Ibuprofen detected. There were no other common acidic, neutral or basic drugs detected. There also was no ethyl alcohol detected. See a copy of the included Toxicology report for the levels detected. (SB2018)

On Friday, July 31, 2015, at 1145 hours, Dr Iocco gave Martinez's cause of death as "Acute Asthmatic Respiratory Insufficiency." (SB2018)



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On Friday, August 14, I received a copy of Alameda County Sheriff's Office report number 15-012121. As I reviewed the report, I saw there was additional information regarding Martinez that I was unaware of at the time of his removal. I saw that while Martinez was at his dental appointment, the dentist (Dr Han) had given Martinez the prescribed medications of 500mg of Amoxicillin and two 400mg pills of Ibuprofen. These medications were given to Martinez approximately 30 minutes prior to his breathing difficulties. It was also reported that while the asthma breathing treatment was being set up, LVN Padmore provided Martinez with oxygen, via an oxygen mask, from an oxygen tank.

I (Beezley) spoke with Dr. Iocco regarding Martinez having been prescribed, and administered, Amoxicillin prior to his return to the Housing Unit. Dr. Iocco told me the Amoxicillin was not a contributing factor in the death of Martinez. (SB2018)

Findings:

On Saturday, August 22, 2015, at 0726 hours, I (Beezley) reviewed this case to determine a manner of death. After my investigation, reviewing the autopsy protocol and the toxicology results, I find the manner of this death to be natural. Martinez had an extensive history of asthma and asthma attacks. This finding is supported by the cause of death given by Coroner's Pathologist Dr J. Iocco of "Acute Asthmatic Respiratory Insufficiency."

Supervisor Review:

On Wednesday, September 15, 2015, I (Lt. Bowers) reviewed this report for closure. I concur with the content and findings. I consider this case closed. (rmb#906)

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CASE NUMBER: 2015-02179	CASE NAME: Mario Michael Martinez
PATHOLOGIST: John Iocco, M.D.	HISTOLOGICAL EXAMINATION

LUNG – bronchioles are infiltrated by mucus; alveoli are overexpanded. Bronchial mucus contains eosinophils.

HEART, LIVER, KIDNEY – noncontributory.

8/6/15 _____ M.D.
Date Signature

Jl/cah

D: 7/31/15

T: 7/31/15



CENTRAL VALLEY
TOXICOLOGY, INC.

Case Name:

Martinez,

TOXICOLOGY NUMBER:

CVT-15-8324

Mario M.

30 ml femoral blood & 30 ml urine each labeled "Martinez, Mario; 2015-02179;
07/16/2015"

Specimen Description:

Delivered by Tricor

Date 17-Jul-15

Received by Bill Posey

Date 17-Jul-15

Request: Complete Drug Screen

Agency Case # 2015-02179

Requesting Agency

Alameda Co. Coroner's Office
Attn: Acct's Payable
480 4th Street
Oakland CA 94607

Report To

Alameda Co. Coroner's Office
Attn: Dr. Iocco
2901 Peralta Oaks Ct., 2nd Floor
Oakland CA 94605

Specimen: Femoral Blood Sample

RESULTS

Complete Drug Screen: Ibuprofen detected.

No other common acidic, neutral or basic drugs detected.

No Ethyl Alcohol detected.

Ibuprofen = 58 mg/L

Blood Ibuprofen Ranges
Effective Level: (5 - 50 mg/L)
Potentially Toxic: (> 100 mg/L)

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07/31/15
#199

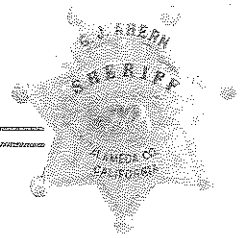
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M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: July 16, 2015
FROM: John Iocco, M.D.
TO: Case File 2015-02179
SUBJECT: AUTOPSY PROTOCOL

Autopsy performed upon the body of Mario Michael Martinez at the Coroner's Bureau, 2901 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland, California, on July 16, 2015, at 8:45 a.m.

AUTOPSY FINDINGS

- 1) ACUTE ASTHMATIC OBSTRUCTION: MUCOUS PLUGS WITHIN SMALL TO MEDIUM BRONCHI.
- 2) ACUTE OVEREXPANSION OF LUNGS.
- 3) STATUS POST HISTORY OF ASTHMA.

CAUSE OF DEATH: ACUTE ASTHMATIC RESPIRATORY INSUFFICIENCY.

cc: EMS
District Attorney
Investigations Bureau

Sheriff-Coroner
Alameda County.

Body of MARIO MICHAEL MARTINEZ

EXTERNAL EXAMINATION

The body, identified by a coroner's identification tag, is that of a well-developed, well-nourished, medium-skin-toned young male. The teeth are in moderate repair. A small amount of bloody mucus is present in the nose and mouth. There is moderate rigor in the extremities, firm rigor in the jaw. Lividity is posterior.

There is the following evidence of MEDICAL THERAPY:

1) Monitoring and defibrillation pads are present over the anterior torso.

2) A short airway is inserted into the mouth.

3) A vascular Intracath is present in the right antecubital fossa.

Multiple tattoos have been photographed.

There is normal alignment of the head, neck, torso and extremities. The trachea is midline. The abdomen is slightly distended. The external genitalia are normal adult male. The back is clear.

No binding indentations/ no definite scars over accessible veins.

A 5-inch, healed scar is present over the right lateral-
anterior chest. No perforations/ no abscesses/ no ulcers.

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Body of MARIO MICHAEL MARTINEZ

23 INTERNAL EXAMINATION

24 PRIMARY INCISION AND BODY CAVITIES: The usual Y-SHAPED
25 THORACOABDOMINAL INCISION demonstrates an approximate 1-inch
26 thickness to the umbilical fat. Body cavities appear
27 physiologic.

28 HEART: The heart weighs 325 grams and has a normal apex.
29 The valvular rings are of normal circumference. The valve
30 leaflets are thin and delicate. The myocardium is brown with no
31 recent or healed infarction. No mural thrombi. No vegetations.

32 LUNGS: The lungs are overexpanded, billowy, pale, and
33 touching the anterior midline. The right lung weighs 650 grams.
34 The left lung weighs 610 grams. The bronchi, which are up to
35 5 mm, are obstructed by pink mucus. Moist mucus is present in
36 the trachea and primary bronchi. No masses/ no nodules/ no
37 thromboemboli/ no infarction.

38 ESOPHAGUS: Thin-walled, lined by a flat, smooth, brown-tan
39 mucosa. No abnormality.

40 STOMACH: Thin-walled, containing approximately 1 ounce of
41 red fluid. No ulcer/ no masses/ no perforation.

42 SMALL AND LARGE INTESTINES: Physiologic. The appendix is
43 normal.

44 LIVER: Weighs 1950 grams. Capsule is clear. No

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45 hemorrhage/ no laceration/ no masses. The parenchyma is smooth
46 and brown.

47 GALLBLADDER: The gallbladder bed is replaced by fibrous
48 fibrofatty scars.

49 PANCREAS: Has a brownish-tan, lobular architecture. No
50 hemorrhage/ no masses/ no trauma.

51 KIDNEYS: Each kidney weighs 160 grams. Capsules strip
52 with ease, revealing smooth cortices. Medullae and calyces are
53 unremarkable. The ureters are thin-walled, following the usual
54 anatomic course to the urinary bladder.

55 The urinary bladder has approximately 5 ounces of yellow
56 urine. No hemorrhage/ no masses.

57 ADRENAL GLANDS: Physiologic.

58 SPLEEN: Weighs 200 grams, has a smooth, red incised
59 surface.

60 NECK ORGANS: The hyoid bone and cartilages of the larynx
61 and trachea are intact, free of trauma or hemorrhage. Laryngeal
62 and esophageal mucosae are smooth and tan-brown. No ulcers/ no
63 masses/ no obstruction.

64 HEAD: The scalp is reflected, revealing no evidence of
65 hemorrhage in the subcutaneous tissue or galea. The calvarium
66 is normocephalic, free of fracture. The dura is thin and

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Body of MARIO MICHAEL MARTINEZ

67 fibrous. The leptomeninges are thin, delicate and transparent.
68 The brain weighs 1490 grams. The gyri are flat. The sulci are
69 narrowed. The ventricular fluid is clear. The brain stem,
70 cerebellum and cerebral hemispheres show no herniation,
71 hemorrhage, or space-occupying lesion.

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John Iocco, M.D.