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## **In-Custody Death Investigation**

The Contra Costa County Office of the Sheriff and the Contra Costa DA's Office are currently investigating an in-custody death that occurred at the West County Detention Facility in Richmond this afternoon.

The male inmate, who is not being identified at this time, was arrested on August 22, 2024, by the San Ramon Police Department for multiple felony theft charges and was booked into the Martinez Detention Facility.

Today, at approximately 1:56pm, deputies responded to an unresponsive inmate and immediately called for jail medical staff to respond to the housing unit.

Life-saving measures were attempted by deputies, medical staff, and paramedics. The inmate, who was housed alone, was later pronounced deceased at the scene. The death does not appear to be suspicious.

The county-wide law enforcement involved fatal incident protocol was invoked and the investigation is ongoing.

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**For more information, please call:**

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