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NEWS RELEASE

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Death in Custody

Location: 300 Bradford Street, Redwood City

Incident: Death in Custody

Redwood City, CA – On Friday, October 20, 2023, at approximately 4:15 AM, Correctional Officers assigned to the Maguire Correctional Facility discovered a 64-year-old white male, who was housed alone, unresponsive in his cell. He was discovered as part of the hourly checks our staff conduct to ensure the welfare and safety of incarcerated persons. Correctional Officers immediately initiated life-saving measures by administering CPR until medical staff arrived on the scene and took over. Unfortunately, the individual was pronounced deceased at the Maguire Correctional Facility by Redwood City Fire Department and EMS.

San Mateo County Sheriff's Detectives, the District Attorney's Office, and the Coroner's Office were notified and responded to the scene. These three agencies are currently conducting an investigation to determine the cause of death.

We want our community to understand that these investigations are thorough and time-consuming. Once the investigation is complete, we will be fully transparent and provide the findings to our community through a press release and social media.

At this time, the preliminary investigation suggests that the incarcerated individual died of natural causes but again, final determination will be made by the Coroner's Office once they have completed their exam and investigation. Out of respect for his family, we are withholding his name until notifications have been completed.

Written by: Sergeant Javier Acosta
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