



# Sacramento County District Attorney's Office

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To: Captain Anthony Paonessa, Commander  
Sacramento County Sheriff's Office  
Correctional Services Unit  
651 I Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

From: Sacramento County District Attorney's Office

Re: In-Custody Death – Timothy Roy Noble (DOB 1/30/1987)  
SSO Report No. 2021-224861  
Date of Incident – July 24, 2021

The above case was referred to this office for review of the circumstances surrounding the death of inmate Timothy Roy Noble while in the Sacramento County Main Jail on July 24, 2021. The case was referred to the District Attorney's Office on August 1, 2022.

Noble was arrested and booked into the Sacramento County Main Jail on July 21, 2021. He was charged with violations of California Penal Code sections 496 (receiving stolen property), 484 (petty theft), 148 (resisting or obstructing a peace officer) and 273.6 (violation of a domestic violence restraining order). Noble was placed in Cell 102 on Floor 8 East of the Main Jail.

On the morning of July 24, 2021, Sacramento County Sheriff Deputies Nicholas Flores and Trinidad Gonzalez were assigned to Floor 8 East as Floor/Control Officers. At approximately 4:54 a.m., Deputies Flores and Gonzalez were distributing breakfast to the inmates in the 100 pod of Floor 8 East.

As they approached Cell 102, Deputies Flores and Gonzalez saw Noble laying on the top bunk. Noble was motionless and non-responsive. The deputies tried several methods of getting Noble's attention. Noble did not respond to their efforts.

Deputy Flores opened the cell door and directed Noble's cellmate to exit the cell. Deputy Flores noticed that Noble was not breathing, and his face appeared blue. Deputies were unable to locate a pulse. Deputy Flores noted that Noble showed no visible signs of injury.

The deputies used their radio to request medical assistance. Additional deputies arrived and helped Deputies Flores and Gonzalez move Noble off the top bunk onto the floor of the cell.

Deputies immediately began performing cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) on Noble. Code 3 fire department response was requested.<sup>1</sup> Jail medical staff arrived at approximately 4:58 a.m. and assisted with CPR.

An Automated External Defibrillator (AED) device was applied to Noble at approximately 4:59 a.m. However, the AED device was ineffective as the device did not detect any heart activity.

Sacramento Fire Department paramedics arrived at approximately 5:07 a.m. Noble was moved out of the cell to allow the paramedics more room to care for him. The paramedics took over all resuscitation efforts.

A Sacramento Fire Department paramedic declared Noble deceased at approximately 5:25 a.m.

According to jail medical staff, Noble had been receiving treatment for cellulitis and opiate withdrawal. Cellulitis is a potentially serious bacterial skin infection.

Noble's cellmate, Jeffrey Schmidt, was interviewed. Schmidt told officers that he thought Noble was sleeping the entire time. Schmidt said that he did not witness Noble eating or drinking anything for the previous two days. Noble told Schmidt that Noble was detoxing from heroin.

Inmates in the surrounding cells were interviewed. None of them claimed to have witnessed anything unusual.

Jail surveillance video was reviewed. The video shows Noble responding to his cell door to be seen by the jail nurse at approximately 11:00 p.m. on July 23, 2021. The nurse took Noble's blood pressure and provided him with medication. No unusual events are seen on the video until the events described above the next morning.

An autopsy was performed by Dr. Keng-Chih Su, a certified Pathologist with the Sacramento County Coroner's Office. The cause of death was described as dilated cardiomyopathy, a condition that affects the heart's ability to circulate blood. The manner of death was listed as Natural.

No evidence of criminal misconduct is presented or suggested in any of the supporting reports. Accordingly, the District Attorney's Office will take no further action in this matter.

Cc: Francine Tournour, Sacramento County Office of the Inspector General  
Sacramento County Sheriff's Office Lieutenant Janae Galovich  
Sacramento County Sheriff's Office Sergeant Quis Formoli  
Kimberly Gin, Sacramento County Coroner's Office

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<sup>1</sup> Code 3 means to consider the call an emergency and to respond immediately, including utilizing emergency lights and siren as reasonably necessary.