



Sacramento County District Attorney's Office

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To: Captain Anthony Paonessa, Commander
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From: Sacramento County District Attorney's Office

Re: In-Custody Death – Edward Inman Johnson (DOB 1/22/45)
SSO Report No. 2021-334624
Date of Incident – November 1, 2021

The above case was referred to this office for review of the circumstances surrounding the death of inmate Edward Inman Johnson while in the custody of the Sacramento County Main Jail on November 1, 2021. The case was submitted to the District Attorney's Office on August 1, 2022.

Johnson had been in custody at the Main Jail since July 15, 2021, after his arrest for vehicular manslaughter with a prior conviction and driving on a suspended license. On August 4, 2021, he was transferred to the Rio Consumnes Correctional Center and placed in the medium security barracks. On August 26, 2021, Medical Transport took Johnson to a doctor's appointment at Kaiser Permanente South Sacramento. Johnson was treated for long-term significant and underlying health conditions. Upon his return, he was placed in the Medical Housing Unit to isolate from other inmates. Five days later, Johnson was cleared to return to the general population of the Medical Housing Unit. In early October, Johnson was treated at Kaiser Permanente South Sacramento for another medical issue and returned to custody.

On October 25, 2021, Johnson had a medical emergency which required the Sacramento Fire Department to immediately transfer him by ambulance to Kaiser Permanente South Sacramento for treatment. At this point, Johnson tested positive for COVID-19. His condition rapidly deteriorated, resulting in Johnson being transferred to the Intensive Care Unit. The doctors did not believe he would survive beyond another 4-5 days.

On October 31, 2021, Mr. Johnson was sedated and placed on a ventilator. Shortly after midnight, he went into cardiac arrest. Hospital personnel immediately began performing cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). Johnson was revived after approximately 10 minutes of chest compressions. Although his condition stabilized, he was not expected to survive until the

next morning. Deputies attempted to secure a compassionate release from custody for Johnson, which was granted a few hours later by the Honorable Judge Steve White. Johnson was pronounced deceased at 4:41 a.m. on November 1, 2021, by Dr. Pradeep Doddamreddy. The cause of death was loss of heart rate and respiratory failure related to COVID-19. An autopsy was not performed.

CONCLUSION

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
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