



Sacramento County District Attorney's Office

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 23, 2019

TO: Captain Charles Meeks, Commander
Sacramento County Sheriff's Department
Correctional Services Unit
651 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

FROM: Sacramento County District Attorney's Office

RE: In-Custody Death – Silas Duane Boston
SSD Report No. 17-0111240
Date of Incident: April 24, 2017

The above case was referred to this office for review of the circumstances surrounding the April 24, 2017, death of Sacramento County Main Jail inmate Silas Boston.

Boston was booked into the Sacramento County Main Jail on December 1, 2016. At the time, he suffered from chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, alcoholic cirrhosis, acute hematogenous osteomyelitis, polyarticular rheumatoid arthritis, cognitive communication deficit, hyperlipidemia, and chronic congestive heart failure. After two months, Boston's physical and mental health began to worsen. On April 6, 2017, his mental status markedly declined, and he was transported to UC Davis Medical Center for evaluation and treatment. Although Boston received aggressive medical intervention, his multiple critical medical conditions continued to deteriorate. His code status was "Do Not Resuscitate/Do Not Intubate."

On April 24, 2017, Sacramento Sheriff Deputy Zacharey Dose was on duty as a medical watch officer at UC Davis Medical Center. He was assigned to monitor inmate Boston. At approximately 5:02 p.m., Deputy Dose noticed Boston's breathing became abnormal. He observed Boston take two short labored breaths and stop breathing. After being advised of this situation, Doctor Samantha Siegel and the nursing staff responded to check his condition. Boston was pronounced deceased at approximately 5:09 p.m.

The Sacramento County Coroner's Report indicated the cause of death was sepsis due to urinary tract infection and benign prostatic hypertrophy. Other significant conditions included chronic

obstructive pulmonary disease, atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease, hypertension, and cirrhosis. The manner of death was natural.

No evidence of criminal misconduct is presented or suggested in any of the supporting reports. The District Attorney's Office will not take any further action in this matter.

cc: Sacramento Sheriff Lieutenant Gail Vasquez
Kimberly Gin, Sacramento County Coroner's Office
Office of the Inspector General