



Sacramento County District Attorney's Office

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 9, 2018

TO: Captain Eric Buehler, 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 – Brian Guerin
SSD Report No. 2016-330215
Date of Incident: November 2, 2016

The above case was referred to this office for review of the circumstances surrounding the November 2, 2016, death of inmate Brian Guerin while in the Sacramento County Main Jail.

Guerin was booked into custody at the Main Jail on May 22, 2016, for assaulting a peace officer, resisting executive officers, and a violation of probation conditions. On November 2, 2016, Deputy Blake Grinder and Deputy Kenyan Olsen were on duty in Guerin's housing unit. At approximately 2:20 a.m., Deputy Grinder conducted cell checks and discovered nothing unusual in Guerin's cell. At approximately 3:28 a.m., Deputy Olsen conducted cell checks and observed Guerin sitting on the ground in front of his bunk facing the cell door. His torn blanket was fixed to the upper bunk and wrapped around his neck. Guerin was alone in his cell.

Deputy Olsen immediately ran to the emergency button located down the stairs, pressed it, and requested assistance. He then ran back to Guerin's cell and entered it. Deputy Travis Monahan responded and also entered the cell. Deputy Olsen noticed the blanket was too tight to be pulled off. Deputy Monahan used a cutting tool to free Guerin's neck from the blanket. Deputy Olsen observed that Guerin was not breathing. He checked for a pulse, but Guerin did not have a radial or carotid pulse. Deputy Olsen began chest compressions consistent with administering cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). After approximately one minute, Deputies Olsen and Monahan moved Guerin outside the cell for more space and continued chest compressions.

Additional deputies and nurses arrived to provide assistance. Nurse Charles Munn and Deputy Monahan applied a bag-valve mask in an attempt to help Guerin breathe. Deputy Olsen continued with chest compressions. Other deputies applied an automated external defibrillator

and administered CPR. Sacramento Fire Department medics arrived at approximately 3:41 a.m. and continued medical treatment. Guerin was pronounced deceased at approximately 3:53 a.m. The information reviewed shows Guerin died as a result of a suicide. Pathologist Katherine Raven, M.D., conducted an autopsy and concluded the cause of Guerin's death was asphyxia due to hanging by ligature. 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: Rick Braziel, Office of the Inspector General
Sacramento Sheriff Lieutenant Dan Donelli
Kimberly Gin, Sacramento County Coroner's Office