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

Re: In-Custody Death – Simmie Henry McDade (DOB 6/29/1959)
SSO Report No. 2019-0127418
Date of Incident – April 13, 2019

The above case was referred to this office for review of the circumstances surrounding the death of inmate Simmie Henry McDade while in the Sacramento County Main Jail on April 13, 2019. The case was submitted to the District Attorney's Office September 13, 2021.

McDade was taken into custody at the Main Jail on April 13, 2019, after his arrest for a violation of Penal Code section 1203.2(a) (Violation of Probation) and Penal Code section 647(f), (Drunk in Public).

After his arrest, McDade and another arrestee, Jesse Mansfield, were being held in a sobering cell.¹ Sacramento Sheriff's Office Deputies Joseph Cesario, Derrick Burnsed, Julio Amaya, Alexey Yarygin, and Cole Farrow were assigned to the Sacramento County Main Jail as male booking deputies. Deputies Olivia Turner and Elizabeth Romero were assigned as female booking deputies.

At approximately 6:05 p.m., Deputy Amaya was conducting a cell check and observed Mansfield kicking McDade on the side of the head at least five times as McDade lay on the floor. Deputy Amaya hit the window and yelled, "Stop!" then went to retrieve his keys to open the sobering cell door as Mansfield continued to kick McDade in the head. As Deputy Amaya and other deputies rushed into the cell, they saw Mansfield using his right foot to stomp on McDade's head as McDade was still on the floor.

Deputies Cesario, Amaya, and Burnsed took Mansfield to the ground and placed him in

¹ The sobering cell is located in the male booking area of the Sacramento Main Jail. Both McDade and Mansfield had been arrested for public intoxication and were placed in the cell.

handcuffs. Deputies Turner and Romero ran to assist McDade. Deputy Turner requested the Fire Department to respond. Jail medical staff arrived and began to provide medical assistance to McDade until the Fire Department medics arrived. Mansfield was escorted out of the cell. Mansfield was uninjured.

Deputy Turner observed McDade was coughing out blood from his mouth. Deputy Turner grabbed hold of McDade's left arm and turned him to his right side to prevent McDade from choking on his own blood. McDade continued to cough up blood and appeared to have difficulty breathing. Deputy Turner held McDade up on his right side with her right leg up against his back. She attempted to move McDade's right arm above his head in a recovery position but was unable to do so as McDade's arm was too stiff and would not move.

Deputy Turner observed McDade's face was purple in color and was beginning to swell. She attempted to speak with him, but McDade was unresponsive. With each breath, blood came from McDade's mouth and continued to run out of his nose and his left ear. Deputy Turner checked McDade's eyes and found his eyeballs were in a fixed state with no movement.

At approximately 6:16 p.m., medics from the Sacramento Fire Department arrived and took over medical treatment. McDade was transported to UC Davis Medical Center. At approximately 4:22 p.m. on May 1, 2019, McDade was pronounced deceased at the medical center.

An arrestee present in the sobering cell with McDade and Mansfield prior to the assault was interviewed. The arrestee stated he did not witness anything unusual prior to the incident. The arrestee had been removed from the sobering cell prior to the start of the assault.

An autopsy was performed by Dr. Brian M. Nagao, a forensic pathologist from the Sacramento County Coroner's Office. Dr. Nagao determined the cause of McDade's death was blunt force injuries to the head. The manner of death was classified as a homicide.

Main Jail Surveillance video was reviewed. The events as shown in the video occurred in the same manner as described in the reports. Mansfield repeatedly stomped McDade in the head as McDade appeared to be sleeping on the floor. McDade can be seen rolling from one side to another prior to the assault and making small movements with his feet. McDade made no movement during the assault nor did he attempt to defend himself.

Mansfield was arrested for the murder of McDade. He is charged with one count of murder in violation of Penal Code Section 187(a) in Sacramento Superior Court case number 19FE008836. Criminal proceedings in that matter are currently suspended pursuant to Penal Code section 1368 as Mansfield has been found incompetent to stand trial. Mansfield is being housed at a State Hospital pending a restoration to competency.

No evidence of criminal misconduct by any member of the Sacramento County Sheriff's Office 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:

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