



Sacramento County District Attorney's Office

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

Re: In-Custody Death – Jadmon Barrett (DOB 12/30/1970)
Report No. SSD-2021-096835
Date of Incident – April 2, 2021

The above case was referred to this office for review of the circumstances surrounding the death of inmate Jadmon Barrett at the Sacramento County Sheriff's Office Main Jail on April 2, 2021. The case was submitted to the District Attorney's Office on September 26, 2022.

Barrett was arrested by the Sacramento Police Department on March 22, 2021, for outstanding felony warrants charging him with driving under the influence. Barrett was booked into the Main Jail, medically evaluated by Correctional Health Services, and cleared for incarceration.

On April 2, 2021, Barrett was housed in cell #225 of Floor 4 East. He did not have a cellmate.

At approximately 4:49 p.m., Sacramento County Sheriff's Office Deputy David Ortiz-Arango conducted an hourly cell-check of the inmates in the 200 pod of Floor 4 East. Deputy Ortiz-Arango noted that Barrett was awake and made eye contact with him during the cell-check.

At approximately 5:42 p.m., Deputy Ortiz-Arango again conducted a cell-check of the inmates in the 200 pod. Deputy Ortiz-Arango again noted that Barrett was awake and made eye contact with him.

After a shift change of Sheriff's personnel, Deputy Bart Picanso conducted a facility count of the inmates in the 200 pod of Floor 4 East at approximately 6:54 p.m. As he approached Barrett's cell, he saw that Barrett was lying face down on his mattress on the floor of the cell.

Deputy Picanso called out to Barrett. He received no response. Deputy Picanso opened Barrett's cell door and again called out to Barrett. Barrett did not respond.

Barrett was not breathing. Deputy Picanso checked Barrett's left radial artery and did not detect a pulse. Barrett's skin was cold to the touch and his hand was rigid.

Deputy Picanso contacted his partner, Deputy David Rudan, using the cell intercom system. He asked Deputy Rudan to radio for jail medical staff and a sergeant to respond to cell #225.

At approximately 6:57 p.m., jail medical staff arrived and began assessing Barrett's condition. Deputies moved Barrett out of the cell to provide medical staff more room to care for Barrett.

At approximately 7:00 p.m., Code 3 fire department medical response was requested.¹

At approximately 7:02 p.m., jail medical staff directed deputies to begin performing chest compressions on Barrett. Jail medical staff then attached an Automated External Defibrillator device to Barrett's chest. The device analyzed Barrett's condition and did not advise administering an electrical shock to Barrett. However, the device instructed to continue chest compressions.

Sacramento Fire Department paramedics arrived at approximately 7:11 p.m. and assumed responsibility for Barrett's treatment. Deputies continued performing chest compressions as directed by the paramedics.

Fire Department paramedic Vance Lyons pronounced Barrett deceased at approximately 7:32 p.m. Chest compressions and other lifesaving measures were discontinued. The Sacramento County Coroner's Office was notified, and crime scene investigators were called to respond and document the scene.

Jail surveillance video depicts the events as described above.

An autopsy was performed by Dr. Irfan Chaudhry, a forensic pathologist with the Sacramento County Coroner's Office. Dr. Chaudhry determined Barrett's cause of death to be hypertensive cardiovascular disease. The manner of death was classified 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 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

¹ Code 3 indicates to consider the call an emergency and respond immediately, including utilizing emergency lights and siren as necessary.