



Sacramento County District Attorney's Office

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To: Captain Vanessa Vaden, Commander
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Correctional Services Unit
651 I Street
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From: Sacramento County District Attorney's Office

Re: In-Custody Death – Anthony Galley (DOB 5/22/1984)
SSO Report No. 2022-45117
Date of Incident – February 15, 2022

The above case was referred to this office for review of the circumstances surrounding the death of inmate Anthony Galley at Sutter Medical Center following a medical emergency at the Sacramento County Main Jail on February 15, 2022. The case was submitted to the District Attorney's Office on December 1, 2022.

Galley was arrested and booked into the Main Jail on February 13, 2022, for a felony violation of California Vehicle Code section 20001(b)(2), hit and run resulting in death or serious bodily injury. At that time, Galley was interviewed by a nurse in the Main Jail and deemed fit for incarceration. Galley did not advise the nurse of any injuries or medical conditions requiring treatment.

On February 15, 2022, Sacramento County Sheriff's Office Deputies Trenton Howze and Tyler Masterson were processing new inmates into the jail. Deputy Howze placed a jail wristband on Galley and Galley changed into jail-issued clothing. At approximately 1:52 a.m., Deputies Howze and Masterson escorted Galley and other inmates to the jail's Own Recognizance (OR) tank to be interviewed by jail classification staff. Deputy Howze noted that Galley was coherent and lucid and did not appear to be in any medical distress.

At approximately 2:15 a.m., Deputy Pheng Vang conducted a jail classification interview with Galley. Galley was able to answer questions and did not appear to be in any medical distress.

At approximately 2:37 a.m., Deputy Vang heard loud banging on the windows of the OR tank. He approached the window. An inmate stood in front of the window and shouted, "He's having a seizure!" Deputy Vang radioed for other deputies to respond to the OR tank. Deputy Masterson and other deputies arrived at approximately 2:40 a.m.

Galley was laying on the floor of the holding tank with a blanket over his head. One inmate advised responding officers that Galley had fallen and struck his head hard on the ground.

Deputy Masterson removed the blanket from Galley's head. Galley's eyes were open but not moving. A small amount of blood was visible on Galley's mouth. Galley's breathing was short and shallow.

Jail medical staff and Code 3 ambulance response was immediately requested.¹ Galley had a slight pulse. Jail medical staff arrived and administered two doses of Narcan, without success. Cardiopulmonary resuscitation was performed. Emergency Medical Technicians with the Sacramento Fire Department arrived at approximately 2:51 a.m. and assumed responsibility for Galley's medical treatment.

Galley was transported to Sutter Medical Center at approximately 3:15 a.m. Lifesaving measures were performed until approximately 3:39 a.m., at which time Galley was pronounced deceased.

Other inmates present in the OR tank with Galley were interviewed. None of the inmates reported witnessing anything unusual. One inmate indicated that Galley was sick and was throwing up before the medical emergency.

Galley's jail phone calls were reviewed. On February 14th, at approximately 3:10 p.m., Galley told his girlfriend he was feeling sick. His girlfriend asked if he was sick from alcohol and drugs. Galley replied, "Yeah."

At approximately 3:17 p.m., Galley told his father he was shaking and throwing up.

Surveillance video of the OR tank was reviewed. Galley was placed in the OR tank at approximately 1:52 a.m. Galley sat down on a wooden bench. After Galley's jail classification interview was completed, Galley laid down on top of a metal table. At approximately 2:36 a.m., Galley appeared to suffer a medical emergency. His body became rigid and appeared to seize. Galley fell from the table to the floor. Other inmates began banging on the windows until jail personnel responded to assist.

An autopsy was performed by Dr. Irfan Chaudhry, a pathologist with the Sacramento County Coroner's Office. Dr. Chaudhry determined Galley'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.

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

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