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In-custody death of inmate from Central Men's Jail

SANTA ANA, Ca. (January 27, 2024) – On Friday, January 26, 2024, an inmate housed at the Central Men's Jail in Santa Ana died.

The inmate was booked into jail on December 21, 2023, by the Santa Ana Police Department for rape and kidnapping. His name is being withheld pending notification of next of kin by the Orange County Coroner's Division.

On the evening of January 26, the inmate was found unresponsive in his cell. Deputies and correctional medical staff attempted life-saving measures. He was pronounced deceased at the Central Men's Jail at approximately 10:15 p.m. He was housed alone at the time, and his death does not appear to be suspicious. A final cause of death will be determined following toxicology testing and an independent autopsy.

The Orange County District Attorney's Office will investigate the in-custody death. The Orange County Sheriff's Department will conduct an in-custody death review. No additional information will be released at this time.

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