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In-custody death of inmate from the Theo Lacy Facility

ORANGE, Ca. (June 24, 2024) – On Monday, June 24, 2024, an inmate housed at the Theo Lacy Facility in Orange died at a local hospital.

The 51-year-old inmate was booked into jail on February 1, 2024, by the Santa Ana Police Department for multiple counts of oral copulation or sexual penetration of a child 10 years old or younger, two counts of lewd or lascivious acts with a minor under 14 years old, and one count of continuous sexual abuse of a child. The inmate's name is being withheld pending notification to next of kin.

The inmate was pronounced deceased at the hospital after being transferred there on June 6 for a medical issue. A final cause of death will be determined following toxicology 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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