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In-custody death of inmate from the Theo Lacy Facility

ORANGE, Ca. (September 25, 2024) – On Tuesday, September 24, 2024, an inmate housed at the Theo Lacy Facility in Orange died.

48-year-old Jason Castillo of Anaheim was booked into jail on September 22, 2024, by the Anaheim Police Department for CPC 1203.2 – Probation Violation and CPC 4573.8 – Possessing Drugs/Paraphernalia in Prison/Jail.

On the evening of September 24, Castillo was found unresponsive in his cell. Deputies and correctional medical staff attempted life-saving measures. He was pronounced deceased at the Theo Lacy Facility at approximately 7:30 p.m. Castillo had one cellmate at the time of his passing, but his death does not appear to be suspicious. A final cause of death will be determined following an independent autopsy and toxicology.

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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