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In-custody Death of an Inmate from the Theo Lacy Facility

ORANGE, Ca. (Jan. 17, 2025) – On Friday, Jan. 17, 2025, an inmate housed at the Theo Lacy Facility in Orange died at a local area hospital.

The 51-year-old inmate was booked into the Orange County Jail on Jan. 6, 2025, by the Anaheim Police Department for the charges CPC 422(a) – Criminal Threats, CPC 417 – Brandishing a Weapon, and CPC 148(a)(1) – Resist, Delay, or Obstruct an Officer. The inmate's name is being withheld pending notification to next of kin.

On Jan. 17, while housed at the Theo Lacy Facility, it was determined the inmate needed to be transported to the hospital for a medical issue. At approximately 10:02 a.m. the same day, the inmate was pronounced deceased at the hospital. Preliminarily, there are no suspicious circumstances. 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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