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## In-Custody Death of an Inmate from the Theo Lacy Facility

**ORANGE, Calif. (Feb. 23, 2026)** – On Sunday, Feb. 22, 2026, an inmate housed at the Theo Lacy Facility in Orange died.

The 24-year-old inmate, Edson Israel Rosasmedrano, was booked by the Santa Ana Police Department on Feb. 19, 2026, for VC 10851 Vehicle Theft, PC 496d(a) Receiving a Stolen Vehicle, and PC 148 Obstructing or Resisting a Peace Officer.

On Feb. 22, while housed at the Theo Lacy Facility, Rosasmedrano was found unresponsive. Deputies and County Medical Services personnel attempted life-saving measures. Members of the Orange County Fire Authority pronounced Rosasmedrano deceased. 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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