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## San Diego Police Department

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### **POLICE INVESTIGATE IN-CUSTODY DEATH AT SAN YSIDRO PORT OF ENTRY**

San Diego Police Department Homicide Unit detectives are investigating the death of a male who was in the custody of agents of the United States Customs and Border Protection, at the San Ysidro Port of Entry.

Last night, at approximately 8:10 p.m., officers received a radio call to assist medics at the San Ysidro Port of Entry, 720 E. San Ysidro Boulevard, with a man who was not breathing. Officers arrived along with the medics and discovered agents from the United States Customs and Border Protection performing CPR on a 51 year old male. Medics continued the CPR on the man and transported him to a local hospital, where he died at 9:03 p.m.

The preliminary investigation has revealed the man had crossed into the United States in a vehicle, through the vehicle lanes, travelling with two other relatives. As they came through the port of entry, agents directed them into a second inspection area. During the agent's investigation, the man was handcuffed and walked into the security office for further investigation. The man was unhandcuffed inside the security office and asked to empty his pockets for the agents. As he placed his items on a counter, he collapsed. The agent, who had taken off the man's handcuffs, caught him as he fell and assisted him onto the floor of the office. The agent began CPR until medics and officers arrived to assist.

Customs and Border Protection agents did not use any force on the suspect when taking him into custody or transporting him for processing. The cause of the man's death is not known. He has been identified, but his name will not be released until his family can be notified. An autopsy is pending. The two relatives travelling with the man were also initially detained, but were released after the agent's investigation.

The name of the agent will not be released at this time. The agent is a 2 year veteran of the Customs and Border Protection.

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