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Subject Identified in the In-Custody Death at San Ysidro Port of Entry

San Diego – On March 29, 2020, at around 9:15 p.m., the San Diego Police Communications Center was notified that a subject in the custody of United States Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers was in medical distress at the San Ysidro Port of Entry. San Diego Fire-Rescue personnel and San Diego police officers responded to the detention area of the Port building where they assisted CBP personnel conducting life-saving measures on a 61 year-old male. Unfortunately, the male did not survive and was pronounced deceased at the scene.

As with any in-custody death that occurs in the City of San Diego, the San Diego Police Homicide Unit was called to the scene to conduct the investigation. Investigators are still in the process of collecting evidence and conducting interviews, but preliminary information is that the male attempted to exit the United States by walking through the exit doors of the pedestrian processing building when he was contacted by security personnel. The male was uncooperative when he was redirected to the building entrance and a struggle ensued. The male was taken into custody and was taken to the detention area. When the male began to have difficulty breathing, medical assistance was summoned for him.

The male has been identified as 61 year-old Julio Marcos Gonzalez. He is a citizen of the United States who resides in Mexico.

Several CBP officers were involved in the contact with the male. Their names are not being released at this time.

The investigation and review process for an in-custody death is extremely thorough. When the Homicide Unit completes their investigation, it will be reviewed by the United States Attorney's Office.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to call the Homicide Unit at (619) 531-2293 or Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-8477.

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