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Report of the Law Enforcement Involved Fatal Incident Investigation of
JESOCIMO VILLENA RILLES on February 4th, 2022

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On February 3rd, 2022, at approximately 11:45 pm, Richmond Police Officer Brandon Hodges was on patrol when he saw JESOCIMO VILLENA RILLES [hereinafter referred to as RILLES] driving a vehicle with expired registration. Officer Hodges conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle and contacted RILLES.

During the traffic stop, Officer Hodges discovered RILLES had an outstanding out-of-county felony warrant. RILLES was arrested on the warrant and transported to the Richmond Police Department Jail where he was processed and booked. RILLES was alert, responsive, and did not appear to be in medical distress. RILLES was then placed into cell #5 with another inmate.

At 6:01 am on February 4th, 2022, Jailer Edward Sousa Jr. conducted a routine cell check and saw RILLES and his cellmate asleep in their respective beds. At 6:30 am Jailer Teyonna Galloway began her shift at the Richmond Jail. At 6:50 am, Jailer Galloway conducted a cell check and noticed that RILLES appeared to be sleeping face down on the floor while his cellmate was lying in a bed. Jailer Galloway asked RILLES' cellmate if RILLES was breathing, which he replied in the affirmative. Per Jailer Galloway, it was not uncommon for inmates to lay on the floor while in their cells.

At 7:30 am, Jailer Galloway conducted another cell check and saw RILLES was still laying on the floor. Jailer Galloway entered the cell to check on RILLES. Upon contacting RILLES, Jailer Galloway noticed RILLES was non-responsive. Jailer Galloway sought assistance and medical staff was contacted. Attempts to revive RILLES were unsuccessful and he was pronounced dead at the scene.

On February 8th, 2022, an autopsy was conducted by Dr. Arnold Josselson. During the autopsy a plastic bag containing methamphetamine was found inside RILLES' stomach. RILLES blood was tested and came back positive for methamphetamine at a level of 21,000 nanograms per milliliter of blood. Per Dr. Josselson, fatal overdoses of methamphetamine typically range in between 1,000 to 2,000 nanograms per milliliter of blood. Dr. Josselson listed RILLES' cause of death as "acute methamphetamine intoxication" and expressed his opinion that RILLES' death was caused by the ingestion of a bag of methamphetamine that ruptured and entered his blood stream at fatal levels.

The Contra Costa County Law Enforcement Involved Fatal Incident Protocol (LEIFI) was activated following RILLES' death. All police officers involved in the incident were sequestered and the LEIFI investigation was initiated by the Contra Costa District Attorney's Office (CCDAO). This report is the final step in the CCDAO investigation.

As part of the Protocol, the Contra Costa County District Attorney's Office and the involved agencies conduct independent investigations. The purpose of the CCCDAO criminal investigation is to determine whether any of the involved individuals, officers, or civilians, committed a crime.

The LEIFI investigation determined that JESOCIMO RILLES died as a result of consuming a fatal dose of methamphetamine. No force was used by any police officer before, during, or after the incident, and there is no evidence that any jail staff member was aware of RILLES' fatal decision to ingest a deadly quantity of a controlled substance. Accordingly, criminal charges are not warranted against any of the involved officers or civilians and no further action will be taken in this case.