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INFORMATION RELEASE

Inmate's Death Under Investigation

September 26, 2011

Solano County Sheriff's Office

On September 25, 2011, at approximately 12:00 PM, Dennis Vanbuskirk, a 51-year-old transient inmate of the Solano County Jail complained to jail staff that he was having a possible anxiety attack. He was seen by medical personnel at the jail who were monitoring his condition. At approximately 1:00 PM, Mr. Vanbuskirk went into medical distress. Officers began to render aid and medical personnel from the jail were requested to respond. An ambulance responded to the jail and transported Mr. Vanbuskirk to Northbay Medical Center, where he was pronounced dead.

Upon learning of Mr. Vanbuskirk's death, criminal and administrative investigators from the Solano County Sheriff's Office, as well as investigators from the Solano County District Attorney's Office, were contacted and responded to the scene, where they conducted interviews with all witnesses to the incident. Per departmental policy, the body was transported to the Sacramento County Coroner's Office, where an autopsy will be performed to determine cause and manner of death. This case remains under investigation.

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