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INFORMATION RELEASE

Inmate Death Under Investigation

January 6, 2012

Solano County Sheriff's Office

On January 6, 2012, at approximately 2:25 AM, Solano County Jail Inmate Kevin Gomez was found unresponsive in his cell by correctional staff conducting a cell check. Mr. Gomez was being housed in the cell by himself. He was last seen alive approximately one hour prior by correctional staff conducting the previous cell check and laundry exchange. A ligature device created from bedding material and was wrapped around his neck. Mr. Gomez received immediate medical assistance from jail staff, who initiated C.P.R., and paramedics were called to the facility. Mr. Gomez was pronounced dead at approximately 2:50 AM. His body was transported to the Sacramento County Coroner's Office where an autopsy is scheduled to be performed.

Mr. Gomez was arrested by the Vacaville Police Department on January 3, 2012, and was being held at the Solano County Jail on a variety of charges including domestic violence, battery on a peace officer, and obstructing a peace officer in the performance of his/her duty. Detectives from the Sheriff's Investigative Services Unit, as well as the Administrative Investigations Unit, were called to the scene to investigate the circumstances surrounding Mr. Gomez's death. The investigation is ongoing at the time of this press release.

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