



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY INFORMATION REPORT



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SUBJECT: Biannual Report Concerning Deaths of Prisoners in City Of Las Vegas Jail

Background/Overview

The safety and security of residents, staff and visitors in the Las Vegas Detention Center will always be a top priority for the Department of Public Safety. Many policies and operational procedures are in place to ensure a safe environment.

The department's Internal Affairs unit along with the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department FIT team and the Clark County Coroner's Officer have the responsibility to investigate the death of any individual who dies while in custody. This unit is responsible for aggregating data and producing reports regarding the death of a detention resident.

As part of Nevada Revised Statutes 211.117 the city of Las Vegas – Department of Public Safety is required to submit a biannual report containing deaths of prisoners in the city jail during the immediately preceding 6 months. This would include basic demographics of the individual as well as the circumstances surrounding any such deaths.

Conclusion

For the period January 2019 to April 30, 2024, the Las Vegas Detention Center had **thirteen (13)** deaths. Attached is a report that provides details required under NRS 211.117.

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#	YEAR	NAME	INMATE NO.	ARRESTING AGENCY	BOOKING DATE	AGE	GENDER	RACE	ETHNICITY	DATE OF DEATH	TIME OF DEATH	LOCATION OF DEATH	CIRCUMSTANCES
1	2019	Elijah Hill	8437015	Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department	4/5/2019	51	M	Not Hispanic or Latino	Black or African American	5/10/2019	12:35:00 AM	CLV Detention Center	On May 10, 2019, Clark County Forensic Pathologist Christina DiLoreto completed Hill's autopsy. On July 11, 2019, DiLoreto ruled that Hill died from hypertensive and atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease. Doctor DiLoreto found that Hill had moderate to severe coronary artery atherosclerosis and left ventricular hypertrophy. Doctor DiLoreto found no trauma on Hill's body. She ruled that Hill's manner of death was natural.
2	2019	Timothy Wangler	1551613	Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department	9/2/2019	39	m	Not Hispanic or Latino	White	9/29/2019	20:59 PM	CLV Detention Center	On September 30, 2019, Clark County Forensic Pathologist Christina DiLoreto completed Wangler's autopsy. On November 12, 2019, DiLoreto ruled the cause of death is hanging, and the manner of death is suicide.
3	2019	Stephen Burrell	2720777	North Las Vegas Police Department	1/12/2019	26	M	Not Hispanic or Latino	Black or African American	3/8/2019	5:12:00 AM	Sunrise Hospital	On March 9, 2019, Clark County Forensic Pathologist Christina DiLoreto completed Burrell's autopsy report. On July 18, 2019, DiLoreto ruled the cause of death is inanition, with schizophrenia included as an other significant condition. The manner of death is natural.
4	2021	Susan Tino	1340642	City of Las Vegas Detention Center	6/8/2021	36	F	Not Hispanic or Latino	White	6/9/2021	8:15:00 AM	North Vista Hospital	On September 11, 2021, Clark County Medical Examiner Lisa Gavin, ruled Tino's cause of death was positional asphyxia associated with ethanol withdrawal. Other significant contributing conditions include congestive heart failure and recent methamphetamine use. Manner of death was accident.
5	2021	Allan Perez	1245049	Deputy City Marshals	10/31/2021	44	M	Not Hispanic or Latino	Asian	11/27/2021	4:32:00 PM	Valley Hospital	On December 13, 2021, Clark County Forensic Pathologist Jan M. Gorniak ruled Perez's cause of death was congestive heart failure due to hypertensive cardiovascular disease. Other conditions were coronary artery disease. Manner of death was natural.
6	2022	Michael Romero	1586688	Deputy City Marshals	5/19/2022	63	M	Not Hispanic or Latino	White	5/20/2022	7:30:00 AM	CLV Detention Center	On May 21, 2022, Clark County Forensic Pathologist Lisa Gavin completed Romero's autopsy. On August 6, 2022, Doctor Gavin ruled that Romero died from chronic ethanolism cirrhosis and sequelae thereof. Doctor Gavin found that Romero had other significant contributing conditions, such as diabetes mellitus and hypertensive cardiovascular disease. Doctor Gavin found no trauma on Romero's body. She ruled that Romero's manner of death was natural.
7	2022	Nick Kahler	5981368	Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department	9/30/2022	27	M	Not Hispanic or Latino	White	11/11/2022	4:12:00 AM	University Medical Center	On December 27, 2022, Clark County Medical Examiner Stephanie Yagi ruled Kahler's manner of death as natural with the cause of death listed as Sepsis due to infective endocarditis. Other significant conditions listed for history of illicit drug use.
8	2023	Larry Cooper	160231	Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department		69	M	Not Hispanic or Latino	Black or African American	2/1/2023	5:08:00 PM	Las Vegas University Med	On February 2, 2023, Medical Examiner Lisa Gavin completed Cooper's autopsy. Doctor Gavin ruled Cooper died a sudden cardiac death related to his hypertensive cardiovascular disease with other significant contributing conditions of diabetes mellitus and metastatic papillary renal cell oarcinoma. The manner of death is natural.
9	2023	Richard Moutray	5504046	City of Las Vegas Department of Public Safety	9/11/2023	26	M	Not Hispanic or Latino	White	9/24/2023	8:25:00 PM	Las Vegas University Med	On September 25, 2023, Medical Examiner Stephanie Yagi completed Moutray's autopsy. On December 3, 2023, Yagi ruled Moutray's cause of death as toxic effects of fentanyl with other significant conditions listed as hypertensive and atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease. The manner of death is accident.
10	2023	Keisha Collins	1332223	City of Las Vegas Department of Public Safety	12/8/2023	49	F	Not Hispanic or Latino	Black or African American	12/11/2023	4:41:00 AM	Sunrise Hospital	On December 12, 2023, Medical Examiner Stephanie Yagi completed Collins' autopsy. On January 3, 2024, Yagi listed Collin's cause of death as toxic effects of fentanyl with other significant conditions listed as hypertensive cardiovascular disease. The manner of death is accident.
11	2024	Daniel Vera	1796022	City of Las Vegas Detention Center	1/7/2024	42	M	Not Hispanic or Latino	White	1/10/2024	9:27:00 PM	City of Las Vegas Detentic	Pending Autopsy Report On January 10, 2024, at about 20:47 hours, Corrections Officer Brookins responded to room 353 in housing Unit 4. Officer Brookins attempted to notify Inmate Daniel Vera #1796022 that the nurse had arrived with his medication. It was at this time that Officer Brookins discovered Inmate Vera to be unresponsive. Officer Brookins made an emergency call (Code Blue) over his department-issued radio. Officers Jordan, Schroyer, and Brewer responded to the area to assist Nurse

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12	2024	Harold Salisbury	2584312	Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department	2/29/2024	74	M	Not Hispanic or Latino	White	3/23/2024	4:06:00 PM	Sunrise Hospital	Pending Autopsy Report March 23, 2024, Medical personnel and a Corrections Officer found Salisbury, Harold #2584312, an inmate at the City of Las Vegas Detention Center, unresponsive in his cell. Salisbury was the sole occupant in his cell. Upon finding him unresponsive, the officer immediately dispatched additional emergency medical services. Medical personnel performed emergency life-saving measures until Emergency Medical Responders (LVFR) arrived and took over the rescue process. LVFR, accompanied by DPS Corrections Officers, transported Salisbury, Harold via ambulance to Sunrise Hospital at about 15:43 hours. At approximately 16:06 hours, Mr. Salisbury was pronounced deceased. City of Las Vegas Detention leadership notified the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department Force Investigation Team per the MOU on in-custody death investigations.
13	2024	Ryan Lagas	5834210	Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department	4/16/2024	28	M	Not Hispanic or Latino	Asian	4/24/2024		Unknow University Medical Center	Pending Autopsy Report On 04/18/2024, Detention Center staff discovered Ryan Lagas in his Isolation Cell unresponsive due to an apparent suicide attempt. Lagas received emergency medical treatment at the Detention Center and was transported to UMC with a pulse. Several days later, the Department received notice that Lagas passed away.