



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

This report, covering the calendar year 2024, includes updated information from the previous report submitted in May 2024. For the period January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024, the Las Vegas Detention Center had **three (3)** deaths. Attached is a report that provides details required under NRS 211.117.

Department of Public Safety
Inmate Deaths
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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	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 Detention Center	On April 11, 2024 Forensic Pathologist Nathan Shaller completed Vera's autopsy. CAUSE OF DEATH: Fentanyl toxicity. Recent methamphetamine use is a major contributing factor. Manner of Death: ACCIDENT
2	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	On April 14, 2024 Forensic Pathologist Gregory Hess completed Salisbury's autopsy. CAUSE OF DEATH: In consideration of the known circumstances surrounding this death, the available medical history, and the examination of the remains, the cause of death is ascribed to arteriosclerotic cardiovascular disease. Manner of Death: Natural
3	2024	Ryan Lagas	5834210	Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department	4/16/2024	28	M	Not Hispanic or Latino	Asian	4/24/2024		Unknown University Medical Center	On August 8, 2024 Forensic Pathologist Alex John completed Lagas' autopsy. CAUSE OF DEATH: Hanging Manner of Death: SUICIDE