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On August 12, 2023 at approximately 4:07PM, an inmate at the Santa Cruz County Main Jail was found in medical distress. Jail Correctional Staff and Jail Medical Staff began treating the patient immediately and called for Emergency Medical Services. Ambulance and Fire personnel responded to the scene to assist in medical treatment of the patient. Despite life-saving efforts by Jail Medical staff, Sheriff's Correctional Officers and Emergency Medical Services personnel, the patient was pronounced deceased at 4:39PM.

Sheriff's Detectives are investigating the circumstances surrounding this death. The forensic pathologist is performing an autopsy and toxicology test to determine cause and manner of death. Release of the patient's name is pending notification to next of kin.

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