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Media Release: October 16, 2019 Homicide at Jail

On October 14th, 2019 German Carrillo, 24, of Watsonville, was found deceased in his cell at the Santa Cruz County main jail. Carrillo was being held in jail since April of 2013 on murder charges.

The forensic pathologist determined Carrillo's death was caused by strangulation as a result of homicide.

Carrillo shared a cell with two other inmates: Mario Lozano, 33, of Santa Cruz, in custody for a murder charge and Jason Cortez, 25, of Watsonville, in custody on firearms charges. All three shared a cell in a housing unit designated for active gang members.

Detectives are still investigating this case and are working closely with the District Attorney's Office.

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