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Captain Thomas Andris, Commander
Sacramento County Sheriff's Department
Correctional Services Unit
651 I Street
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Re: In-Custody Death – Kennedy Barron Jr. (DOB 10/28/55)
SSD Report No. 14-274134

Dear Captain Andris:

The above case was referred to this office for review of the circumstances surrounding the death of inmate Kennedy Barron on November 30, 2014.

On November 3, 2014, Barron was booked into the Sacramento County Main Jail and housed on the medical floor because he was diabetic and needed kidney dialysis three times a week. Barron had extensive medical diagnoses at intake and a history of health issues while housed at the jail. During his stay, Barron was transported to UC Davis Medical Center or Sutter General Hospital for treatment on the following dates: November 10, 13, 21, 22, & 29.

On November 30, 2014, Barron returned from the hospital sometime after midnight and stated he "felt horrible." He was given Tylenol, but he refused fluids offered to him. Periodically throughout the remainder of the night and into the early morning hours, deputies conducted cell checks and provided Barron with assistance as needed eating, drinking, and taking medications.

While passing out prescribed medications to inmates at 9:16 a.m., a deputy and a licensed vocational nurse found Barron unresponsive in his cell. Medical intervention was provided by deputies, a doctor and registered nurses employed at the jail, as well as by paramedics who responded to the scene. Barron was declared deceased at the main jail at 9:39 a.m.

The Coroner's Report indicated that Barron died from hypertensive cardiovascular disease. There is no evidence of criminal misconduct by the Sheriff's Department personnel presented in any of the supporting reports. The District Attorney's Office will not take any further action regarding the Sheriff's Department's role in this matter.