



# Sacramento County District Attorney's Office

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Captain Kris Palmer  
Sacramento County Sheriff's Department  
711 G Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: In-Custody Death of Jaspreet Singh (DOB 3/30/90)  
SSD Report No. 15-182842

Dear Captain Palmer:

This case was referred to our office for review of the circumstances surrounding the death of Jaspreet Singh. On July 21, 2015, Singh died while being transported in an ambulance to the Kaiser Permanente Roseville Medical Center for medical treatment. Having completed this review, we find no evidence of criminal misconduct.

At approximately 2:22 a.m., Sacramento Metropolitan Fire and Medic arrived at 3816 Sierra Gold Drive in Sacramento County to provide medical assistance for Singh, who suffered from irregular breathing. Medics observed Singh lying on the kitchen floor. He had a strong odor of alcohol and stated that he had been drinking an unknown amount. Singh also had some unidentified pills between his legs. He was combative and punched fire medics, which resulted in the dispatch of Sacramento Sheriff Deputies. When Deputy Mark Gomes arrived at the residence, Singh was still lying on the floor, rolling around, and making unintelligible sounds. Singh continuously bolted up to a sitting position and swung his head and hands from side to side. At one point, Singh attempted to grab Deputy Gomes' leg and the deputy held Singh's right arm down. Deputy Dean McCowan also arrived at the scene and controlled Singh's left arm. Deputy Gomes continuously instructed Singh to stop resisting. Singh still struggled and tried to free his arms. As a result, the deputies placed Singh in handcuffs and medics lifted him onto the gurney. Singh was also placed in the prone position with his legs in soft restraints. At this point, he was conscious, breathing, mumbling responses to medic questions, and less combative during transport. A family member stated that Singh had been drinking from a bottle of Jägermeister. Deputies recovered seventeen pill bottles in Singh's bedroom, including a bottle of bupropion prescription medication.

Deputy Gomes activated the in-car camera system and followed the ambulance without emergency lights and siren to provide assistance. As the ambulance approached the hospital, Singh began shaking for approximately five seconds. His heart rate slowed and Singh eventually had no pulse. The medics immediately proceeded to the hospital with lights and siren and arrived within one minute. Deputy Gomes removed Singh's handcuffs, medics initiated cardiopulmonary resuscitation, and they transferred Singh into the emergency room for further medical treatment. Shortly thereafter, Singh was pronounced deceased.

Forensic Pathologist Dr. Gregory Reiber conducted an autopsy and determined that Singh died from acute bupropion toxicity. Toxicology testing revealed the presence of bupropion and hydroxybupropion in Singh's blood, and that the levels were within lethal range.

Singh had a cardiovascular collapse during transport to the hospital, as well as generalized visceral vascular congestion and pulmonary edema. No evidence of criminal misconduct by law enforcement was presented or suggested by the facts reported. Thus, the District Attorney's Office will take no further action in this matter.

cc: Rick Braziel, Office of the Inspector General  
SSD Lieutenant Gary Shintaku