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Captain Jim Ortega, Commander
Sacramento County Sheriff's Department
Correctional Services Unit
651 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: In-Custody Death – Bobby Miner
SSD Report No. 15-244983
Date of Incident: September 24, 2015

Dear Captain Ortega:

The above case was referred to this office for review of the circumstances surrounding the September 24, 2015, death of inmate Bobby Miner while in the Sacramento County Main Jail.

Miner was arrested on September 22, 2015, for a warrant. At the time of booking, he was classified as a medical expedite with seizure precautions and detoxification from alcohol. On September 24, 2015, Miner exited his cell at approximately 1:03 a.m. and returned a couple minutes later. Sacramento Sheriff Deputies Yianni Athens and Derrell Stevenson conducted cell checks of the area of the jail where Miner was housed at approximately 1:34 a.m., 2:35 a.m., 3:37 a.m., and 4:36 a.m. They did not notice anything unusual in Miner's cell.

At approximately 5:01 a.m., Deputy Athens told the inmates via intercom to get ready for breakfast. Inmate Clinton Jeude activated his medical emergency button and stated that he believed his cellmate, Bobby Miner, was dead. Miner was not moving and was not responsive. Jeude later told investigators that Miner had been vomiting earlier that morning because he was detoxing. Deputy Athens immediately notified Deputy Stevenson, who responded to the cell. When he arrived, Deputy Stevenson observed Miner lying face down on the floor with his arms partly wrapped in blankets. Deputy Stevenson tried to wake Miner, but Miner did not respond. Deputy Stevenson turned him onto his back. Miner was breathing and had a small amount of blood on his right eyebrow.

Other deputies and nurses arrived at the cell. They placed an automated external defibrillator on Miner's chest and provided oxygen using a nasal breathing tube. Deputies also performed cardiopulmonary resuscitation on Miner. Sacramento Metro Firefighters and Medics arrived, resumed treatment, and transported Miner to Sutter General Hospital. He was pronounced deceased at approximately 5:41 a.m.

Forensic Pathologist Kelly Kobylanski, D.O., conducted an autopsy and concluded that the cause of Miner's death was hypertensive and atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease. The autopsy also found that Miner suffered from chronic interstitial nephritis and had a history of alcohol abuse with acute-on-chronic hepatitis and hepatic fibrosis.

The blood on his eyebrow appears consistent with Miner falling off the lower bunk onto the floor. No evidence of criminal misconduct is presented or suggested in any of the supporting reports. The District Attorney's Office will not take any further action in this matter.

cc: Rick Braziel, Office of the Inspector General