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In-custody death of inmate from the Theo Lacy Facility

ORANGE, Ca. (Jan. 13, 2025) – On Sunday, Jan. 12, 2025, an inmate housed in the Correctional Medical Services wing of a local hospital died.

42-year-old James Rudolph Jones III was booked into jail on Jan. 11, 2025, by the Buena Park Police Department for a probation violation.

During the booking process, it was determined Jones needed to be transported to the hospital for further medical treatment. On Jan. 12, at approximately 11:57 a.m., Jones was pronounced deceased. Preliminarily, there are no suspicious circumstances. A final cause of death will be determined following an independent autopsy and toxicology.

The Orange County District Attorney's Office will investigate the in-custody death. The Orange County Sheriff's Department will conduct an in-custody death review. No additional information will be released at this time.

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