



**U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)
Detainee Death Report: DE LA ROSA, Efrain Romero**

General Demographic/Background Information

- **Date of Birth:** September 17, 1977
- **Date of Death:** July 10, 2018
- **Age:** 40
- **Sex:** Male
- **Country of Citizenship:** Mexico
- **Marital Status:** Single
- **Children:** None reported

Immigration History

- Mr. DE LA ROSA entered the United States without inspection near Arizona in 2000.
- On April 05, 2017, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) encountered Mr. DE LA ROSA at the Marion Correctional Treatment Center, in Marion, VA after a referral from the Virginia Department of Corrections. Alienage and removability were confirmed via personal interview.
- On March 11, 2018, Mr. DE LA ROSA was booked into Wake County Sheriff's Department in Raleigh, North Carolina (NC).
- On March 13, 2018, ICE transferred Mr. DE LA ROSA to their Raleigh, NC, hold room where he was later transferred and booked into the Steward Detention Center (SDC).
- On May 4, 2018, ICE transferred Mr. DE LA ROSA to the Columbia Regional Care Center (CRCC) in Atlanta, GA.
- On June 12, 2018, Mr. DE LA ROSA returned to SDC.
- On June 18, 2018, ICE housed Mr. DE LA ROSA in segregation for a code 207 violation (for sexual proposals). On June 21, 2018, the SDC institutional panel sentenced Mr. DE LA ROSA to 30 days in disciplinary segregation.
- On June 27, 2018, the SDC confinement review committee reviewed Mr. DE LA ROSA's case and recommended that he remain in segregation until July 18, 2018.
- On July 3, 2018, Mr. DE LA ROSA appeared for a court hearing and an immigration judge ordered Mr. DE LA ROSA to be removed.

Criminal History

- On April 12, 2004, the Alexandria Police Department, in Alexandria, VA, arrested Mr. DE LA ROSA for Felony: Assault. On May 17, 2004, the charge was dismissed.
- On June 09, 2004, the Alexandria Police Department arrested Mr. DE LA ROSA for Felony: Robbery and Felony: Felonious Assault. On October 28, 2004, the robbery charge was nolle prossed. No disposition is available for the felonious assault charge.
- On July 08, 2004, the Fairfax County Circuit Court, in Fairfax, VA, convicted Mr. DE LA ROSA for Misdemeanor: Driving Under the Influence. A sentence of six months incarceration was imposed.
- On September 30, 2004, the Alexandria Circuit Court convicted Mr. DE LA ROSA for Felony: Possession of Burglary Tools. A sentence of thirty days, with all thirty being suspended was imposed.



- On October 28, 2004, the Alexandria Circuit Court convicted Mr. DE LA ROSA for Felony: Carjacking and Felony: Receiving Stolen Goods. Mr. DE LA ROSA was sentenced to 20 years incarceration (all but eight years being suspended) for the carjacking conviction and six (6) months incarceration for receiving stolen goods.
- On December 06, 2004, the Fairfax County Circuit Court convicted Mr. DE LA ROSA for Misdemeanor: Escape without Force by Misdemeanant. A sentence of 30 days incarceration, with all 30 being suspended was imposed.
- On January 07, 2005, the Fairfax County Circuit Court convicted Mr. DE LA ROSA for Felony: Carjacking. No sentencing disposition is available.
- On March 9, 2018, Mr. DE LA ROSA was convicted of two counts of Unsafe Movement and sentenced to 28 days incarceration at the Wake County Detention Center.

Medical History

- **On March 13, 2018**, ICE booked Mr. DE LA ROSA into SDC. A registered nurse (RN) completed Mr. DE LA ROSA's intake screening, and he reported a history of: schizophrenia, taking eight (8) different medications for schizophrenia, smoking 10-12 cigarettes daily, use of illicit drugs, and alcohol consumption. Mr. DE LA ROSA reported feeling "good," denied pain, past suicide attempts, or active suicidal/homicidal ideations. However, he reported auditory hallucinations.
- **On March 15, 2018**, an advanced practice provider (APP) completed Mr. DE LA ROSA's physical exam. Mr. DE LA ROSA's vital signs were within normal limits. During the evaluation, Mr. DE LA ROSA reported a history of schizophrenia with hospitalizations in 2004 and 2010. Mr. DE LA ROSA reported that a physician discontinued his psychiatric medications while enrolled at an NC outreach program, due to trouble sleeping. Mr. DE LA ROSA denied having any suicidal/homicidal ideations, or active hallucinations. However, he reported having auditory hallucinations in the past.
- **On March 16, 2018**, a psychologist completed Mr. DE LA ROSA's mental health evaluation. Mr. DE LA ROSA denied having anxiety or visual hallucinations. He reported that God is talking to him and telling him what will happen in the future, but adamantly denied command hallucinations. He also denied feeling depressed, having loss of appetite, or inability to concentrate. Mr. DE LA ROSA reported having stressors relating to his legal case. The psychologist found Mr. DE LA ROSA psychiatrically stable, released him to general population, scheduled a follow-up with a psychiatrist, and a four-week follow-up with a mental health provider.
- **On April 3, 2018**, an RN cleared Mr. DE LA ROSA for segregation. Mr. DE LA ROSA remained in segregation until April 18, 2018. He received daily nursing evaluations and weekly mental health evaluations, while in segregation.
- **On April 4, 2018**, a licensed correctional social worker (LCSW) evaluated Mr. DE LA ROSA during mental health segregation rounds. Mr. DE LA ROSA reported that he was adjusting well in segregation and the LCSW found Mr. DE LA ROSA alert to person, place, and situation. Mr. DE LA ROSA did not present with a delusional thought process, psychosis, suicidal/homicidal ideations, intent, or plan.
- **On April 11, 2018**, an LCSW evaluated Mr. DE LA ROSA during weekly mental health rounds and found no deterioration in Mr. DE LA ROSA's condition while in segregation.



- **On April 16, 2018**, an LCSW evaluated Mr. DE LA ROSA for a routine mental health evaluation and found no deterioration in his condition. The LCSW inquired about his willingness to start medications, but he refused.
- **On April 18, 2018**, an LCSW evaluated Mr. DE LA ROSA during segregation rounds and found no deterioration in his condition.
- **On April 24, 2018**, a mental health APP evaluated Mr. DE LA ROSA for auditory hallucinations. Mr. DE LA ROSA reported having auditory hallucinations, stating he was the “Anti-Christ,” and would be dead in three days. The mental health APP observed Mr. DE LA ROSA responding to internal stimuli, with limited insight and judgement, but without suicidal or homicidal ideations. Mr. DE LA ROSA reported there was a potential danger to himself or others in the dorm. As a result, the mental health APP placed Mr. DE LA ROSA on 1:1 suicide watch, with direct observation in the medical housing unit (MHU). The APP offered Mr. DE LA ROSA anti-psychotic medications, but he refused.
- **On April 25, 2018**, a physician (MD) evaluated Mr. DE LA ROSA. Mr. DE LA ROSA reported that God was trying to kill him. He denied having any suicidal or homicidal ideations, but admitted to auditory and visual hallucinations. The MD ordered continued monitoring in the MHU.
- **On April 30, 2018**, a LCSW evaluated Mr. DE LA ROSA and he continued to present with fixed delusions and refused psychotropic medication administration. The LCSW found Mr. DE LA ROSA at risk for danger to himself and/or others, with the inability to progress in his current environment. As a result, the LCSW escalated a detainee transfer request to CRCC for continued monitoring while on suicide watch.
- **On May 1, 2018**, a LCSW evaluated Mr. DE LA ROSA for a wellness check. Mr. DE LA ROSA presented with fixed delusions and a fixation on the concepts of death.
- **On May 2-3, 2018**, during a mental health evaluation, the LCSW witnessed Mr. DE LA ROSA laughing inappropriately during the exam and found him to be at risk of acting impulsively and inflicting self-harm. Mr. DE LA ROSA reported to the LCSW that he will die three terrible deaths soon, feeling hopeless/helpless, with delusions, but non-suicidal. Mr. DE LA ROSA denied the need for treatment.
- **On May 4, 2018**, ICE transferred Mr. DE LA ROSA to CRCC.
- **On June 12, 2018**, Mr. DE LA ROSA transferred back to SDC from CRCC. A RN completed Mr. DE LA ROSA’s intake screening. Mr. DE LA ROSA reported he was taking medication. He denied any previous suicide attempts, or suicidal ideations. A LCSW also evaluated Mr. DE LA ROSA, who reported that his life was the same, his medication was ineffective, and that he would suffer three terrible deaths in the future, but would never kill himself. He reported that he did not want to continue medications because he did not need it.
- **On June 13, 2018**, an APP completed Mr. DE LA ROSA’s 90-day physical examination review. Mr. DE LA ROSA denied having any suicidal or homicidal ideations. The APP scheduled Mr. DE LA ROSA for a two-week follow-up and cleared him medically for deportation.
- **On June 15 and 17, 2018**, Mr. DE LA ROSA refused his morning medication. A LCSW scheduled a follow-up appointment with Mr. DE LA ROSA for June 19, 2018.
- **On June 19, 2018**, a LCSW evaluated Mr. DE LA ROSA for his medication refusals and documented that Mr. DE LA ROSA’s diagnosis met the criteria for a serious mental illness (SMI), and completed a Form IHSC-883 (ICE Health Service Corps Mental Health Review). The LCSW educated Mr. DE LA ROSA on medication education and compliance, but Mr.



DE LA ROSA stated, “I do not need them.” A RN cleared Mr. DE LA ROSA for segregation placement.

- **On June 20, 2018**, a LCSW evaluated Mr. DE LA ROSA, and documented Mr. DE LA ROSA’s limitation in mental functioning, his refusal of medication administration, and the potential of his behavior worsening. Mr. DE LA ROSA denied having any thoughts of self-harm, or signs of ineffective coping, or acute emotional distress.
- **On June 27, 2018**, a mental health APP evaluated Mr. DE LA ROSA during segregation rounds. Mr. DE LA ROSA presented pleasant, well groomed, with good attention, cooperative, happy, and with a logical thought process. The mental health APP documented compliance to medication administration.
- **On July 4, 2018**, a mental health APP evaluated Mr. DE LA ROSA during segregation rounds. Mr. DE LA ROSA presented with a happy mood, appropriate affect, insightful judgement, and without paranoia or suicidal ideations.
- **On July 10, 2018**, an RN evaluated Mr. DE LA ROSA during segregation rounds. Mr. DE LA ROSA answered questions appropriately, denied any suicidal/homicidal ideations, and had no acute distress. During a mental health follow-up evaluation, a LCSW documented that Mr. DE LA ROSA would benefit from a referral to a higher level of care mental health facility. He denied hearing voices, having suicidal thoughts/ideations, or presenting as a danger to self or others. Mr. DE LA ROSA reported he was going to die and reiterated his desire of not taking medications, because he did not need them.

Synopsis of Death

- **On July 10, 2018**, at approximately 10:34 p.m., custody officers called a medical emergency for a possible hanging. A custody officer found Mr. DE LA ROSA unresponsive and not breathing, hanging from an upper bunk railing. The custody officer cut down the noose and began cardiac pulmonary resuscitation (CPR). Upon arrival, SDC medical staff continued CPR and applied an automated external defibrillator (AED). At approximately 10:48 p.m., emergency medical services (EMS) arrived and began advanced cardiac life support measures. At approximately 11:03 p.m., EMS departed SDC and transported Mr. DE LA ROSA to Southwest Georgia Regional Medical Center (SWGRMC), while continuing CPR. At 11:39 p.m., SWGRMC pronounced Mr. DE LA ROSA deceased.