



## **U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Detainee Death Report: ARRIAGO-Santoya, Pedro**

### General Demographic/Background Information

- **Date of Birth:** July 15, 1975
- **Date of Death:** July 24, 2019
- **Age:** 44
- **Gender:** Male
- **Country of Citizenship:** Mexico
- **Marital Status:** Single
- **Children:** NA

### Immigration History

- On March 30, 2019, ICE Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) placed a detainer on Mr. ARRIAGO-Santoya after he was arrested by Appling County Sheriff's Office, in Baxley, Georgia (GA).
- On April 24, 2019, ICE ERO took custody of Mr. ARRIAGO-Santoya and housed him at Folkston ICE Processing Center (FIPC), in Folkston, GA, until his transfer to Stewart Detention Center (SDC), in Lumpkin, GA, on July 10, 2019.
- On June 6, 2019, an immigration judge issued Mr. ARRIAGO-Santoya a final order of removal.

### Criminal History

- On May 7, 2015, Mr. ARRIAGO-Santoya was convicted of Disorderly Conduct.
- On March 3, 2019, Mr. ARRIAGO-Santoya was arrested by the Appling County Sheriff's Office for violation of his probation and being drunk in public (Public Order Crimes).

### Medical History

- **On April 25, 2019**, Mr. ARRIGAO-Santoya received an intake screening. He denied a history of medical/mental health issues, surgeries or hospitalizations, or current medications.
- **On May 7, 2019**, Mr. ARRIAGO-Santoya received a comprehensive health assessment. He again denied a history of medical or mental health issues, surgeries or hospitalizations, or current complaints. His vital signs (VS) and exam findings were within normal limits.
- **On July 10, 2019**, Mr. ARRIAGO-Santoya was transferred to SDC. At intake, he again denied a history of medical/mental health issues, surgeries or hospitalizations. His VS were within normal limits.
- **On July 16, 2019**, Mr. ARRIAGO-Santoya received a second health assessment. He again denied a history of medical/mental health issues, surgeries, hospitalizations, or current complaints. His VS and exam findings were unremarkable except for abnormal heart sounds. An electrocardiogram, laboratory tests, and a follow-up were ordered for July 31, 2019.
- **On July 20, 2019:**
  - At 12:57 p.m., Mr. ARRIAGO-Santoya received an evaluation for complaints of intermittent right lower quadrant (RLQ) pain and was referred to the Southwest Georgia Regional Medical Center (SGRMC) emergency department (ED) in Cuthbert, GA, via emergency medical services (EMS) for further evaluation.



- At 2:05 p.m., EMS arrived at SDC and transported Mr. ARRIAGO-Santoya, in stable condition, to SGRMC.
- At 2:33 p.m., Mr. ARRIAGO-Santoya was admitted to SGRMC with a diagnosis of RLQ abdominal pain, nausea/vomiting, cholecystitis (inflammation of the gallbladder), cardiomegaly (a condition in which the heart is enlarged), hepatomegaly (a condition in which the liver is enlarged), colitis (inflammation of the inner lining of the colon), and elevated liver enzymes (this may indicate inflammation or damage to the cells of the liver). The medical doctor (MD) ordered intravenous (IV) fluids and IV antibiotics and referred Mr. ARRIAGO-Santoya to Piedmont Columbus Regional Midtown Hospital (Piedmont Hospital) for suspected gallbladder disease.
- **On July 21, 2019:**
  - At approximately 1:30 p.m., Mr. ARRIAGO-Santoya was transferred to Piedmont Hospital in Columbus, GA, via EMS.
  - At approximately 6:00 p.m., an MD evaluated Mr. ARRIAGO-Santoya for progressive right sided abdominal pain. The MD diagnosed Mr. ARRIAGO-Santoya with acute cholecystitis, systemic inflammatory response syndrome (inflammatory state affecting the entire body), respiratory distress and hyponatremia (low sodium levels in the blood). Mr. ARRIAGO-Santoya was admitted and referred to general surgery and gastroenterology (GI) specialists.
  - At approximately 9:30 p.m., the general surgeon evaluated Mr. ARRIAGO-Santoya for treatment of cholecystitis.

#### Synopsis of Death

- **On July 22, 2019**, at approximately 3:57 a.m., Mr. ARRIAGO-Santoya experienced cardiac arrest. Despite advanced cardiac life support, a normal sinus rhythm was regained but he remained unresponsive. Mr. ARRIAGO-Santoya was transferred to the intensive care unit.
- **On July 24, 2019**, the attending MD diagnosed Mr. ARRIAGO-Santoya with disseminated intravascular coagulation (a condition in which blood clots are excessively formed in the body's blood vessels) with multi-organ system failure, dilated cardiomyopathy and endocarditis (infection of the heart valve). The MD consulted with vascular surgery, infectious disease, and cardiology. Mr. ARRIAGO-Santoya's prognosis remained grave, and he experienced another cardiac arrest. Lifesaving measures were unsuccessful, and he was pronounced dead at 3:10 p.m.
- On January 28, 2020, the Georgia Department of Public Health issued Mr. ARRIAGO's death certificate and documented his cause of death as valvular heart disease with cardiomegaly and hepatic cirrhosis.