



U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Detainee Death Report: TRAN, Huy Chi

General Demographic/Background Information

- **Date of Birth:** August 7, 1970
- **Date of Death:** June 12, 2018
- **Age:** 47
- **Sex:** Male
- **Country of Citizenship:** Vietnam
- **Marital Status:** Single
- **Children:** None reported

Immigration History

- Mr. TRAN was admitted as a Lawful Permanent Resident (P53) at San Francisco, California on June 25, 1984.
- On November 9, 2000, Mr. TRAN was encountered and interviewed at the Arizona Department of Corrections (ADOC) Alhambra Intake and Reception Facility (Alhambra). Mr. TRAN claimed there are no applications or petitions pending on his/her behalf with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).
- Mr. TRAN was apprehended on March 25, 2003, and booked into the Eloy Detention Center (EDC) on March 31, 2003.
- Mr. TRAN was issued a Final Order of Removal on September 21, 2004.
- On January 5, 2005, Mr. TRAN was released from EDC on an Order of Supervision (Zadvydas Release). ICE was unable to obtain travel documents for Mr. TRAN.
- On August 14, 2013, Mr. TRAN was booked into the Phoenix Hold Room, and then released on an Order of Recognizance
- On July 12, 2017, an ICE 287(g) officer encountered and interviewed Mr. TRAN at the ADOC Alhambra facility.
- On May 25, 2018, ADOC released Mr. TRAN to ICE ERO, and he was processed and booked into the Florence Service Processing Center (SPC).
- On May 28, 2018, ICE ERO transferred Mr. TRAN to the EDC.

Criminal History

- On May 8, 1994, Mr. TRAN was convicted of Disorderly Conduct and sentenced to 12 months of probation.
- On September 12, 1996, Mr. TRAN was convicted of Shoplifting and fined \$320.
- On November 3, 1996, Mr. TRAN was convicted of Disorderly Conduct and sentenced to three (3) years of probation.
- On November 22, 1996, Mr. TRAN was convicted of Shoplifting and fined \$300.
- On October 25, 2000, Mr. TRAN was convicted of two counts of Aggravated Assault (Non-family-Strongarm and Non-family-Weapon) and sentenced to 3.5 years imprisonment in the ADOC.
- On April 8, 2009, Mr. TRAN was convicted of Aggravated Assault (Family-Weapon). And was sentenced to five (5) years imprisonment in the ADOC.



- On August 14, 2015, Mr. TRAN was convicted of Damaging Property and sentenced to 120 days in jail and three (3) years of probation.
- On July 10, 2017, Mr. TRAN was convicted of Disorderly Conduct and sentenced to one year and six months (1.5 years) imprisonment in the ADOC.

Medical History

- **On May 25, 2018**, a licensed vocational nurse (LVN) completed Mr. TRAN's prescreening. Mr. TRAN denied any medical issues, current or chronic, but stated he was taking medications to treat schizophrenia and major depressive disorder. The LVN labeled Mr. TRAN's prescreening as priority level – 1 (PRI-1).
- **On May 26, 2018**, a registered nurse (RN) completed the Mr. TRAN's intake screening, noting he verbalized a history of and taking medication for depression for the past 20 years. Mr. TRAN denied any suicidal or homicidal thoughts, hallucinations, or history of substance abuse or mental health hospitalizations. The RN completed the abnormal involuntary movement scale (AIMS) assessment on Mr. TRAN and documented a score of zero. The RN consulted with an advanced practice provider (APP) and received verbal orders to continue Mr. TRAN's medications and to schedule him for a physical examination and a mental health appointment on May 29, 2018. A licensed clinical social worker (LCSW) completed Mr. TRAN's mental health intake. The LCSW assessed Mr. TRAN with schizophrenia, scheduled a follow-up appointment on June 2, 2018, and encouraged him to continue to take his prescribed medications.
- **On May 28, 2018**, Mr. TRAN was transferred to EDC. An RN completed Mr. TRAN's prescreening and reviewed Mr. TRAN's Florence transfer summary. Mr. TRAN denied suicidal/homicidal ideations; however, he appeared anxious. The RN labeled Mr. TRAN's prescreening as "PRI-1." A RN conducted Mr. TRAN's intake screening, where he denied a history of current medical, dental, or mental health conditions but stated he took medication for depression. Mr. TRAN again denied any suicidal or homicidal ideations. Mr. TRAN's vital signs were within normal limits. The RN labeled Mr. TRAN's intake screening as "abnormal" and submitted a referral to medical and mental health for further evaluation. A physician (MD) reviewed the RN's telephone encounter and scheduled Mr. TRAN's evaluation on June 4, 2018. An APP completed Mr. TRAN's physical examination, noting Mr. TRAN was missing all his lower and upper teeth without a prosthesis. Mr. TRAN denied a history of head injury or surgery. The APP noted an existing mental health referral. Mr. TRAN verbalized a history of schizophrenia and "moderate" anxiety disorder for 17 years, and denied any side effects from the medication. Mr. TRAN's vital signs were within normal limits, and his AIMS score was zero. The APP's assessment included schizophrenia, unspecified, and anxiety disorder, unspecified, with orders for medication. The APP ordered Mr. TRAN's blood work for May 31, 2018.
- **On May 31, 2018**, a RN drew Mr. TRAN's blood work.
- **On June 1, 2018**, the APP received and reviewed Mr. TRAN's laboratory results.
- **On June 04, 2018**, the MD completed the initial mental health evaluation on Mr. TRAN. The MD documented an AIMS score of 3, indicating evidence of tardive dyskinesia (TD). The MD documented that Mr. TRAN does not pose as an imminent risk of danger to others/danger to self (DTO/DTS). Despite of his current mental health, he is able to cope in the general population, which is the least restrictive alternative for him. The MD adjusted when Mr. TRAN takes his medications.



- **On June 5, 2018,** the MD requested Mr. TRAN's complete health record from Corizon Health – ADOC Arizona State Prison Complex (ASPC) Tucson-Manzanita as well as his Southwest Network – San Tan Clinic, Chandler, AZ, medical records. The psychologist (PsyD) evaluated Mr. TRAN and documented that Mr. TRAN "presented as depressed and apathetic." Initially, Mr. TRAN denied symptoms of depression; however, later in the discussion, after pointing out that his presentation was inconsistent with his self-report, he later acknowledged experiencing "some depression." Mr. TRAN acknowledged that he had been moving more slowly overall, which "began in the last few weeks." Mr. TRAN denied issues with sleep or appetite. He said that he has been consistently taking his psychotropic medication, and denied any thoughts of self-harm, plan, and intent. The PsyD ordered Mr. TRAN's placement in medical housing observation (MHO) with mental health nursing checks twice-a-day, CoreCivic checks every 15 minutes, and for the mental health provider to follow up with Mr. TRAN in two days.

Synopsis of Death

- **On June 5, 2018,** the APP documented a medical emergency was called and medical responded to find Core Civic officers performing cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) on Mr. TRAN. Medical assisted with CPR and initiated a call for emergency medical services (EMS). When EMS arrived on the scene, they took over CPR and prepared Mr. TRAN for transport to Banner Casa Grande Medical Center's emergency department.
- During Mr. TRAN's eight-day hospitalization, he remained unresponsive with no reflexes, including gag and pupils; on mechanical ventilation; receiving hypothermia therapy; and medication management.
- **On June 12, 2018,** the doctor performed an electroencephalography (EEG) that showed no brain activity. These findings were confirmed with apneic, resulting in Mr. TRAN pronounced brain dead.
- On July 17, 2018, the Chief Medical Examiner signed the completed forensic examination report, stating the cause of death was coronary artery disease.