



**U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)  
Detainee Death Report: SINGH, Simratpal**

**General Demographic/Background Information**

- **Date of Birth:** January 29, 1998
- **Date of Death:** May 3, 2019
- **Age:** 21
- **Gender:** Male
- **Country of Citizenship:** India
- **Marital Status:** Single
- **Children:** NA

**Immigration History**

- On February 5, 2019, U.S. Border Patrol (USBP) arrested Mr. SINGH near Otay Mesa, CA, for illegal entry into the United States.
- On February 9, 2019, USBP transferred Mr. SINGH to the custody of ICE Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) Phoenix at the San Luis Regional Detention Center (SLRDC), in San Luis, AZ for 11 days before ultimately transferring him to La Palma Correctional Center (LPCC), in Eloy, AZ.
- On April 29, 2019, ERO Phoenix released Mr. SINGH on bond.
- On May 1, 2019, La Paz County Jail (LPCJ) notified ERO Phoenix of Mr. SINGH's arrest and ERO Phoenix lodged an immigration detainer.
- On May 2, 2019, Mr. SINGH posted bond in his criminal case and was transferred to the legal custody of ERO Phoenix while remaining detained at LPCJ.

**Criminal History**

- On April 30, 2019, the La Paz County Sheriff's Office arrested Mr. SINGH for "assault and sexual assault" and booked him into LPCJ.

**Medical History**

- During Mr. SINGH's detention period at SLRDC from February 12 to 20, 2019, there were no reported medical or mental health concerns.
- During Mr. SINGH's detention period at LPCC from February 20 to April 29, 2019, Mr. SINGH denied any history of medical or mental health concerns. His mental health examination was normal. He accessed sick call on three occasions for treatment of minor ailments. No further complaints were noted.
- During Mr. SINGH's detention period at LPCJ from April 30 to May 2, 2019, ICE records contain no reports of medical or mental health concerns.
- **On May 2, 2019**, between 9:30 and 11:30 a.m., an LPCJ custody officer interviewed Mr. SINGH to conduct his classification assessment. The custody officer completed a formal classification assessment and assigned him to protective segregation housing. The custody officer returned SINGH to his holding cell pending the housing transfer.
- At 5:56 p.m., LPCJ custody staff called a medical emergency after discovering Mr. SINGH hanging in his cell. Mr. SINGH was unresponsive, not breathing, and did not have a pulse. LPCJ custody and medical staff administered cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).



- At 5:59 p.m., LPCJ contacted the Parker, AZ Fire Department (PFD) and River Medical Emergency Medical Services (EMS).
- At 6:15 p.m., EMS and PFD arrived on scene and determined that Mr. SINGH did not have a pulse or a heart rhythm. EMS and PFD took over CPR efforts.
- At 6:20 p.m., EMS transported Mr. SINGH to the local emergency department at the La Paz Regional Hospital (LPRH), in Parker, AZ. Upon arrival to LPRH's emergency department, Mr. SINGH required critical care services.
- At 6:58 p.m., LPRH medical staff regained Mr. SINGH's pulse and heart rhythm.
- At 9:53 p.m., LPRH transferred Mr. SINGH by air EMS to Abrazo West Campus Hospital (AWCH) in Goodyear, AZ, for a higher level of care.
- At 10:43 p.m., Mr. SINGH arrived at AWCH in a deep comatose state with a pulse and heartbeat. Mr. SINGH experienced sudden cardiac arrest, and despite life-saving measures, medical staff were unable to resuscitate him.
- **On May 3, 2019** at 1:58 a.m., Mr. SINGH died. Mr. SINGH's preliminary cause of death was anoxic (absence of oxygen) brain injury and respiratory failure.

#### Synopsis of Death

- On July 31, 2019, the Maricopa County Office of the Medical Examiner documented Mr. SINGH's cause of death as hanging and the manner of death as suicide.