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# **Community for Accountability: United for Racial Justice**

a presentation by

**The Contra Costa County Racial Justice Coalition**

for the consideration of the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors and the general public

**The 2019 Contra Costa County TRUTH Act Forum**

**July 30, 2019**

**Today, we have come together  
to demand accountability.**

**California law requires transparency  
from local law enforcement  
about their collaboration with ICE.**

**We, the people of Contra Costa County,  
have the right to know the truth.**

**Sheriff Livingston's answers at this forum  
cannot be accepted at face value.**

**We must consider also  
the sheriff's track record of  
dishonesty and disregard for the law.**

**Inhumane treatment of immigrants  
is part of a larger practice of  
racial injustice in Contra Costa County.**



**The following timeline proves that  
Sheriff Livingston is not credible.**

**Given this history,  
oversight of the sheriff  
is the only way  
we will get the truth.**

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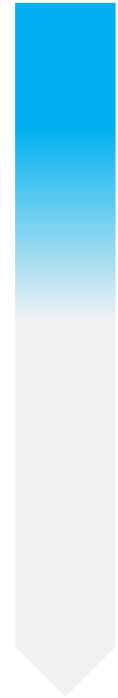
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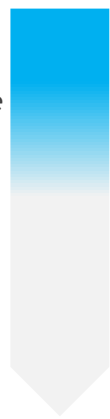
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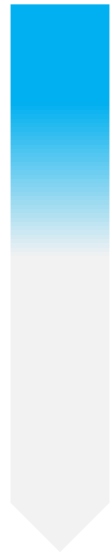


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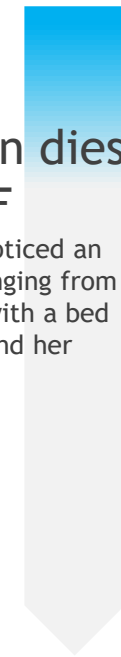


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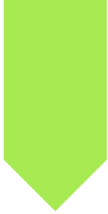
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January 4, 2018

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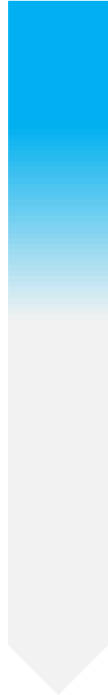
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January 24, 2018

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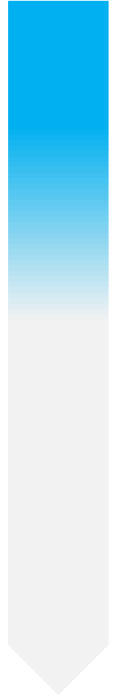
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During meal service, the Deputies discovered that an inmate was not responsive. Deputies called for emergency medical assistance. Medical staff at MDF responded and started life-saving measures. The fire department and an ambulance responded and continued life-saving measures. The inmate was later pronounced deceased.

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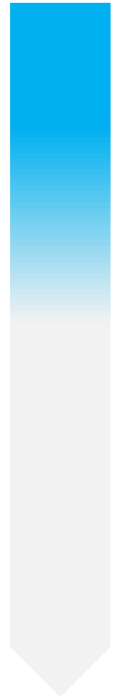
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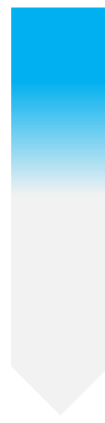
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### **Revocation of Clearance for CIVIC Group**

All volunteer groups that interact with the Office of the Sheriff incarcerated population and/or Federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detainees must agree to the rules set forth in the Detention Facility Clearance Request. These cover: Harassment and Discrimination, Treatment of Offenders and Non-Fraternization, Code of Conduct/Ethics/Confidentiality Agreement and Custody Services Bureau Guidelines for Volunteers. Specific rules for volunteers include: must not engage in undue familiarity with inmates or family and friends of inmates; must not contact or correspond with an inmate or their family; must not take or send messages or items on behalf of an inmate; and must not trade, barter, lend or engage in any personal transactions with any inmate.

Every volunteer must take a class that covers the guidelines and safety for civilians in the detention facility. They also sign an agreement and are warned that clearance will be revoked if they violate any of the rules.

During an investigation, it was discovered Community Initiatives for Visiting Immigrants in Confinement (CIVIC) volunteers repeatedly violated rules by:

- Providing their personal phone numbers and addresses to incarcerated persons.
- Relaying messages to family and friends of incarcerated persons.
- Receiving phone calls and mail from incarcerated persons.
- Sending contraband to incarcerated persons.
- Depositing money into the accounts of incarcerated persons.

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"The Contra Costa County Office of the Sheriff welcomes and partners with numerous community-based organizations and non-governmental groups to assist incarcerated persons with their rehabilitation and re-entry back to their communities when they are released," said Assistant Sheriff Matt Schuler. "While CIVIC's clearance was revoked, we continue to partner with numerous community and volunteer groups that provide needed services and resources to incarcerated persons."

There are currently over 20 programs available to the incarcerated population at West County Detention Facility. Many of the programs are run by volunteers from community-based organizations.

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**MARCH 14, 2018 5:30PM EDT**

## Letter to Contra Costa County Sheriff David Livingston

March 14, 2018

Sheriff David Livingston  
Contra Costa County  
Office of the Sheriff  
651 Pine Street  
Martinez, CA 94553

**Re: Termination of Community Initiatives for Visiting Immigrants in Confinement (CIVIC, now known as Freedom for Immigrants) Visitation Programs at West County Detention Facility (WCDF)**

Dear Sheriff Livingston:

Human Rights Watch writes to express our deep concerns regarding the termination on March 6, 2018 of the visitation program operated by Community Initiatives for Visiting Immigrants in Confinement ("CIVIC") for people held in immigration detention at the West County Detention Facility ("WCDF"). We are also troubled by the termination on



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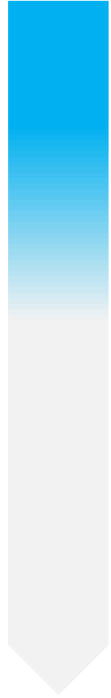
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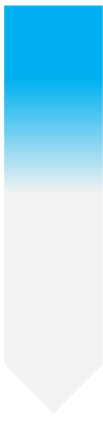
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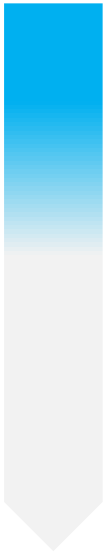
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### **Contra Costa Sheriff's Office Arrests Deputy Sheriff in Sex Case**

Detectives from the Contra Costa County Office of the Sheriff have arrested Contra Costa Deputy Sheriff Patrick Morseman for unlawful sex with an inmate.

On Tuesday, the Office of the Sheriff immediately launched an investigation after receiving allegations of unlawful sex acts with two female county inmates committed by Morseman at the West County Detention Facility. A warrant was obtained for his arrest and a search warrant for his home. Morseman was also placed on administrative leave.

"Within 24 hours of learning of the allegations, we had interviewed the victims, collected and analyzed physical evidence, obtained search warrants, located the suspect, and made the arrest," said Sheriff David Livingston. "We are now moving forward with termination of employment and providing assistance services to the victims."

Morseman was arrested yesterday afternoon. After being interviewed by detectives, he was booked at county jail for engaging in sexual activity with a consenting adult in a detention facility. Morseman was being held in lieu of \$100,000 bail. He has since bailed out.

The investigation is ongoing and the case will be presented to the D.A.'s Office for the filing of formal charges.

"The actions of this one deputy are criminal, offensive and do not reflect on the good work of the other one-thousand employees of the Office of the Sheriff, said Sheriff Livingston. "We will work closely with the District Attorney to see the deputy is held accountable and make every effort to regain the public trust we work so hard to earn."

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# Deputy arrested for allegedly having sex with West Contra Costa inmates

By **NATE GARTRELL** | [ngartrell@bayareanewsgroup.com](mailto:ngartrell@bayareanewsgroup.com), **RICK HURD** | [rhurd@bayareanewsgroup.com](mailto:rhurd@bayareanewsgroup.com) and

**AARON DAVIS** | Bay Area News Group

PUBLISHED: April 5, 2018 at 9:51 am | UPDATED: April 6, 2018 at 10:27 am

RICHMOND — A deputy with the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office was arrested Wednesday evening after it was revealed he was having a sexual relationship with two county jail inmates, according to multiple law enforcement sources.



Patrick Morseman, 26, a deputy employed at the West Contra Costa jail, is suspected of violating a state law that prohibits jail employees from having sex with inmates.

The two victims say they were raped, according to their attorney Joseph LaCome.

"Their feeling was that they had to go along with it, because of the consequences if they didn't," LaCome said.

LaCome said his clients would talk with Morseman and he would let

# Exclusive: Internal sheriff's records show deputy suspected of rape, not 'consensual' sex



By **AARON DAVIS** and **NATE GARTRELL** | [ngartrell@bayareanewsgroup.com](mailto:ngartrell@bayareanewsgroup.com) | Bay Area News Group

PUBLISHED: April 10, 2018 at 1:12 pm | UPDATED: May 4, 2018 at 11:30 am

RICHMOND — Detectives suspected that a Contra Costa County sheriff's deputy arrested for having "consensual" sex with two jail inmates actually may have abused his authority and raped them, according to internal records.

The records, obtained Tuesday by the Bay Area News Group, show that 26-year-old Patrick Morseman was arrested April 4 on felony suspicion of illegal consensual sex with two inmates. On the same day, a detective with the sheriff's office wrote an affidavit stating there was probable cause to believe the deputy had committed "multiple violations" of rape under color of authority and oral copulation with threats by a public official.

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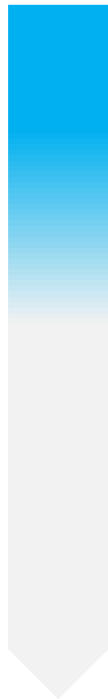
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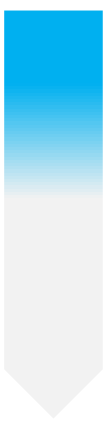
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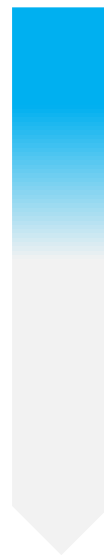
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# Contra Costa sheriff stonewalls officials who want to tour troubled jail



Otis R. Taylor Jr. | April 22, 2018 | Updated: April 22, 2018 4:40 p.m.



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## Contra Costa: Richmond Mayor blocked from jail as volunteer group returns

Truth Act Forum scheduled for July 24 and new data released on immigration court backlog and deportations





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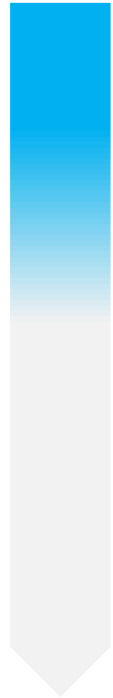


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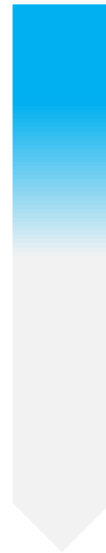


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At approximately 2:48 this morning, a Deputy Sheriff conducting a routine room check at the West County Detention Facility noticed an inmate hanging from the top bunk with a bed sheet around her neck.

The Deputy immediately called for medical assistance and with help from another Deputy moved the inmate to the ground. Both Deputies performed CPR until medical personnel arrived. An ambulance and the fire department responded. The inmate was pronounced deceased at the scene.

The inmate is identified as 74-year-old Linda Thomas of Washington. She was recently convicted of first degree murder.

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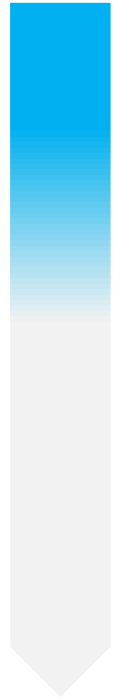


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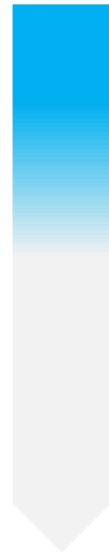


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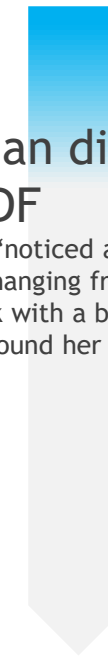


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June 12, 2018

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### **In Custody Death Investigation at Martinez Detention Facility**

At approximately 7:43 this morning, a Deputy Sheriff at the Martinez Detention Facility found an inmate who had hung himself in the shower.

The inmate was unresponsive. Deputies called for medical staff at the facility and began CPR.

An ambulance and the fire department also responded to MDF. The inmate was later pronounced deceased at the scene.

The inmate's identity is being withheld pending notification of next of kin.

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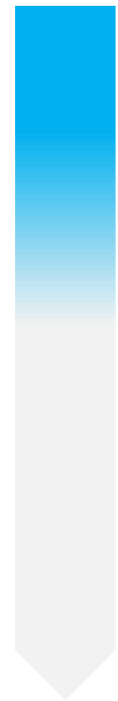
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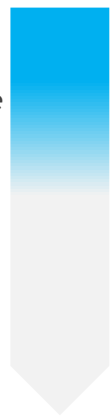
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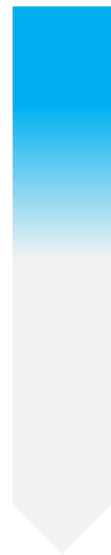


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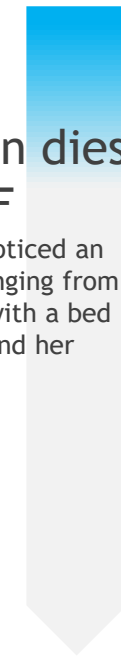


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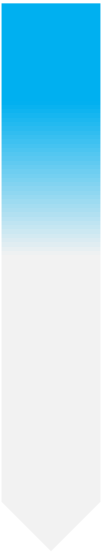
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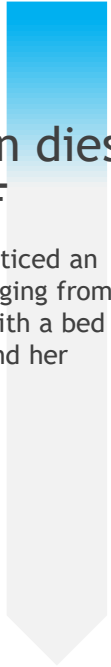


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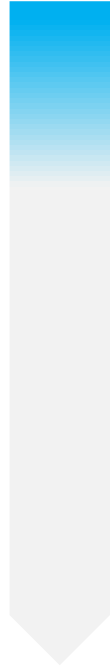


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## **PRESS RELEASE**

For immediate release

September 17, 2018

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### **Martinez Detention Facility In Custody Death Update**

The investigation into an in custody death on Saturday at the Martinez Detention Facility is ongoing. Per the in custody fatal incident protocol, the investigation is being conducted by the District Attorney's Office and the Office of the Sheriff.

On Saturday, September 15, 2018, at about 2:50 PM, a Deputy Sheriff was conducting a room check at the Martinez Detention Facility when he noticed an inmate who was unresponsive. The Deputy called for facility medical staff to respond immediately and began life saving measures.

An ambulance and the fire department were notified and responded. The 61-year-old male inmate was later pronounced deceased. He is identified as Dwight Dunn, a transient in Concord.

Dunn was booked into the Martinez Detention Facility on Sept. 5, 2018. He was arrested by the Division of Adult Parole Operations for a parole violation.

An autopsy was conducted this morning. The cause of death is pending the results of toxicology tests. The death appears to be health-related.

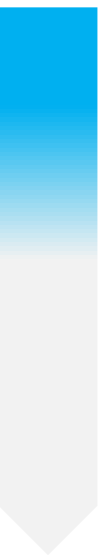
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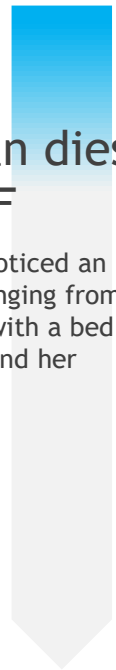


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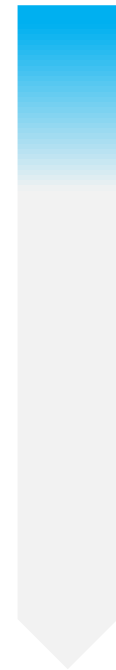


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October 30, 2018

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### **CORONER'S INQUEST FINDING**

Sheriff-Coroner David O. Livingston announces that a Coroner's Jury has reached a finding in the February 8, 2018 death of Lloyd Joseph Harris IV. The finding of the jury is that the death is - at the hands of another person, other than by accident.

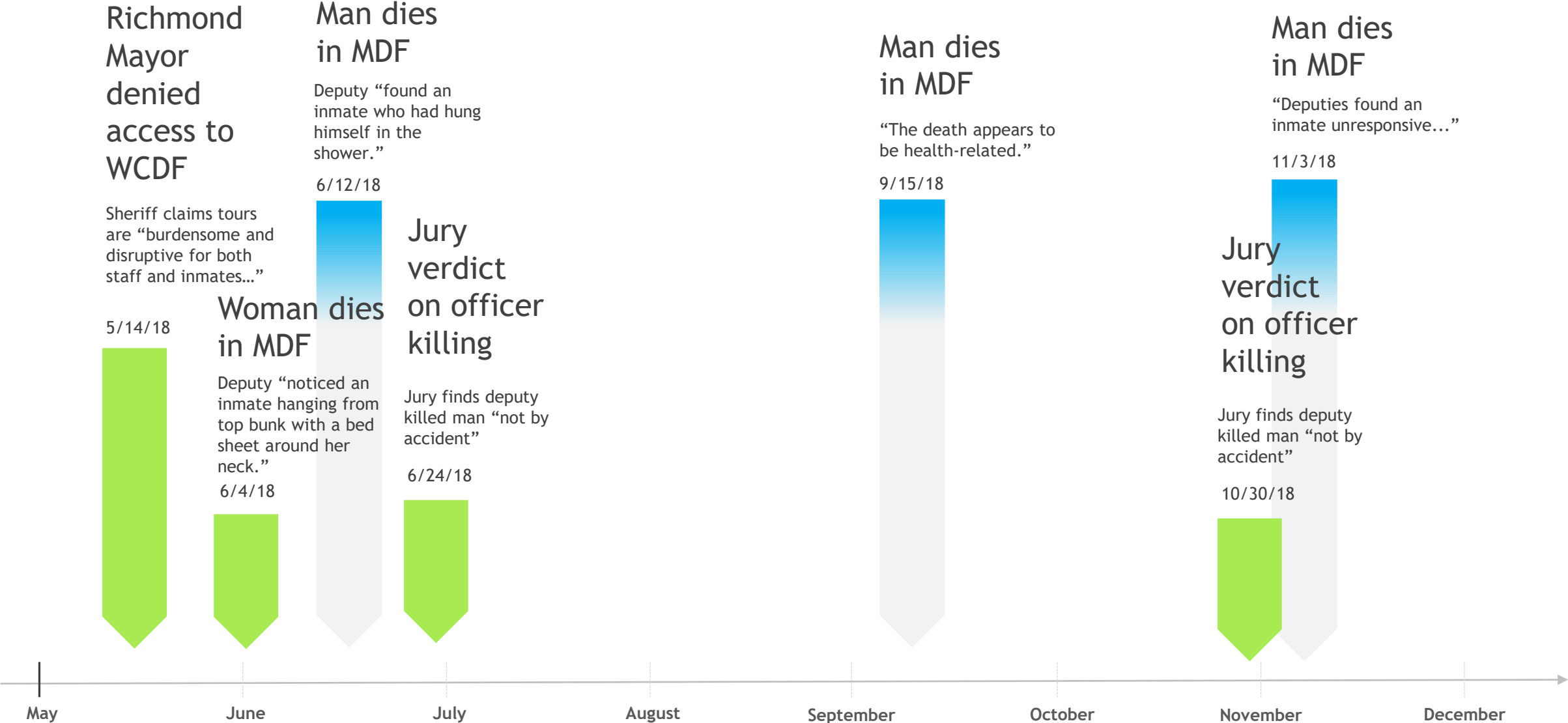
The Coroner's Jury reached a verdict after hearing the testimony of witnesses called by the hearing officer, Matthew Guichard.

A Coroner's Inquest, which Sheriff-Coroner Livingston convenes in fatal incidents involving police officers, is a public hearing, during which a jury rules on the manner of a person's death. Jury members can choose from the following four options when making their finding:

- Accident
- Suicide
- Natural Causes
- At the hands of another person, other than by accident.

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David O. Livingston  
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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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November 5, 2018

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### **Update on In Custody Death at the Martinez Detention Facility**

The investigation into the in custody death is ongoing. Per the in custody fatal incident protocol, the investigation is being conducted by the Contra Costa County District Attorney's Office and the Office of the Sheriff.

On Saturday, November 3, 2018, at about 11:27 PM, Deputy Sheriffs in the intake area of the Martinez Detention Facility were alerted to a medical situation in a holding room.

Deputies found an inmate unresponsive and called for medical personnel at MDF to respond. Deputies and medical staff immediately performed CPR on the inmate. An ambulance and the fire department were also called and responded. The inmate was later pronounced deceased at the scene.

He is identified as 26-year-old Karthik Kandaswamy of San Ramon. He was arrested by the San Ramon Police Department earlier on Saturday, November 3, 2018, for battery and resisting arrest.

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# Conditions worsen for some ICE detainees at Richmond jail



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Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detainees gather at the West County Detention Facility in Richmond on Oct. 31, 2017.

Photo: Noah Berger, Special to The Chronicle

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# Immigrant complaints of East Bay jail conditions prompt call for U.S. probe



Otis R. Taylor Jr. | Nov. 29, 2017 | Updated: Nov. 29, 2017 8:10 a.m.



A guard searches women returning to a residential building at the West County Detention Facility in Richmond, Calif., on Tuesday, Oct. 31, 2017.

Photo: Noah Berger, Special to The Chronicle



December 22, 2017

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### **Contra Costa Sheriff Announces Findings in Investigation into ICE Detention Complaints**

The Office of the Sheriff has completed its investigation into complaints raised by several Immigration & Customs Enforcement (ICE) female detainees at the West County Detention Facility (WCDF) in Richmond, California. The complaints were first reported in a local newspaper. The Sheriff's Office immediately launched an investigation. Investigators interviewed 110 witnesses, with audio recordings and translators where necessary, and viewed hundreds of hours of video surveillance recordings. They also examined log books, computer entries and other evidence.

The investigation found that nearly all of the complaints were unfounded and unsubstantiated. Claims of being "locked down" for 23 hours a day were false. The most time any ICE detainee was confined to their dormitory room was 1 hour and 24 minutes. These "lock downs" are commonly done for facility counts or for administrative reasons. At WCDF the detainees have keys to their rooms and free use of common bathroom facilities.

In one example, the person who complained in the article of being confined to her room for 23 hours was in fact confined for several days in a room with a full toilet and sink. She was confined in such a manner for disciplinary purposes after she assaulted another detainee.

Regarding the use of "red" biohazard bags for toilet needs, there was no evidence that any detainee was forced to use the bags in that manner. In very few cases detainees did use the bags for that purpose in violation of policy. Biohazard bag distribution is now limited to those detainees who are ill or have other medical needs. All inmates are free to use the bathrooms at any time, and even during "lock down" periods of approximately 1 hour, by notifying a Deputy Sheriff by using the call button in their rooms.

There were two complaints alleging limited access to healthcare that also appear to be unfounded based on detainee interviews. However, Contra Costa Health Services will be reviewing those specific complaints.

"Consistent with independent ICE inspections, we found that the alleged policy violations were largely unfounded," said Sheriff David Livingston. "In fact, many detainees told us they are well treated at the West County Detention Facility."

Sheriff Livingston added, "Some issues were identified, such as the use of profanity by a staff member or the quicker replacement of detainees' room keys when they are lost or damaged. We will use this opportunity to improve wherever we can."

The investigation will now be provided to the California Attorney General as Sheriff Livingston promised he would do.

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The California Department of Justice's  
Review of

# Immigration Detention in California

February 2019



Xavier Becerra  
California Attorney General

experience extended lockdowns multiple times a day, when toilet facilities were mostly inaccessible, leading them to, at times, defecate and urinate in biohazard bags when locked in their cells. Facility restrictions on free time led female detainees who did not attend classes and did not have jobs to spend 20-22 hours in their cells every day. Further, while female detainees had access to classes, all



extended count lockdowns, limited access to restrooms, and the shortening or cancellation of free time. The lack of a timely orientation and dissemination of information also created problems for detainees, who had to learn the facility's policies and procedures by word of mouth. Access to timely and adequate medical care was not always available. Importantly, language barriers exacerbated some of these problems for non-English speaking detainees.



LOCAL // OTIS R. TAYLOR JR.

# State report on treatment of jailed immigrants shows the inmates weren't lying



Otis R. Taylor Jr.

Feb. 28, 2019

Updated: Feb. 28, 2019 4 a.m.



**Contra Costa County Racial Justice Coalition  
Contra Costa Immigrant Rights Alliance**

Joint Statement March 18, 2019

This Tuesday, we will go before the Board of Supervisors and demand change. CCCRJC and CCIRA stand together in calling for meaningful oversight and respect for human rights in our county. The new State Attorney General's report documents inadequate medical care in our jails. It is unacceptable that women are being forced to use biohazard bags to defecate and urinate in their cells. We are alarmed that the results of an internal investigation on the rape of two women at WCDF by a sheriff's deputy were hidden from the public. Seven people have died in a Contra Costa County jail since 2018. We can't wait for another death or sexual assault for a new system of oversight. The County has a legal and ethical responsibility to protect every person incarcerated in Contra Costa County from

# Activists critical of Sheriff's Department

They say report of immigrants' mistreatment in Richmond detention center contradicts prior report

By Josh Slowiczek

Seizing on a state report highly critical of the way undocumented immigrants were treated at the West County Detention Facility in Richmond, local activists are demanding independent oversight of the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Department and the ouster of its leader.

They say the recently released California Department of Justice report contradicts the rosier findings of the sheriff's internal affairs investigation into conditions inside the facility where immigrants facing potential deportation were held until last summer. The sheriff's conclusion that "nearly all of the complaints were unfounded and unsubstantiated" amounted to a whitewash, they

previously suggested.

In addition to seeking oversight of the detention facility and an inquiry into the handling of the internal investigation, the activists say they intend to raise money and find a candidate to challenge and defeat Sheriff David Livingston in the 2022 election if he seeks a fourth term.

"Finding someone (to run) who is strong enough and has enough of a reputation themselves is certainly our number one goal," said Judy Weatherly, a founder and steering committee member of

Courageous Resistance and Indivisible El Sobrante/Richmond. "I don't think there's going to be that much of a problem at this point, partly because of this investigation."

But in a statement provided to this news organization, Livingston said his office is already regularly monitored by numerous state and federal agencies, including the Attorney General's office, which "noted how we fully cooperated in their investigation and their report confirmed information we had already released last

year."

The statement pushed back at the critics, saying, "Now the same organizations who protest jails and call for oversight have revealed their true intentions: politics. Calls for more 'oversight' are nothing more than political theater."

Livingston, Concord's former police chief, was elected sheriff-coroner in 2010 and has run unopposed the past two elections.

The Department of Justice report, released late last month,

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# Rights groups seek resignation of Contra Costa County sheriff



**Otis R. Taylor Jr.** | March 14, 2019 | Updated: March 14, 2019 8:14 a.m.



## Too many bad cops? Contra Costa Sheriff says “hundreds of files” need review, balks at releasing disciplinary records

As other sheriffs release disciplinary records, Contra Costa Sheriff David Livingston says the “expense and inconvenience” of providing them trumps the public’s right to know



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# Lawsuit alleges Contra Costa sheriff enables Norteño beatings, hazing in jail



The lawsuit was filed by a gang dropout who survived a brutal assault

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# Contra Costa sheriff settles jail beating lawsuit for \$90,000

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