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Coroner's Inquest Finding

Contra Costa County Sheriff-Coroner David Livingston announces that a coroner's jury today reached a finding in the November 17, 2020 death of 30-year-old Ezekiel James McCoy of El Sobrante. The finding of the jury is that the death was an accident.

The coroner's jury, which heard two inquests today, also reached a finding the October 7, 2020 death of 31-year-old Kentreal Julius Irving of Antioch. The finding of the jury is that the death was an accident.

The coroner's jury reached the verdicts in both inquests after hearing the testimony of witnesses. The hearing officer for the McCoy inquest was Matthew Guichard; the hearing officer for the Irving inquest was Laura Pagey.

A coroner's inquest, which Sheriff-Coroner David Livingston convenes in fatal incidents involving peace 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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