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## **Coroner's Inquest Finding**

Contra Costa County Sheriff-Coroner David Livingston announces that a coroner's jury yesterday reached a finding in the February 15, 2021 death of 60-year-old Michael Keith Madison Sr. of Stockton. The finding of the jury is that the manner of death is accident.

The coroner's jury reached the verdict in the inquest after hearing the testimony of witnesses called by hearing officer Matthew Guichard.

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