

Contra Costa County
Office of the Sheriff
David O. Livingston
Sheriff



PRESS RELEASE
For immediate release

July 29, 2022

TO: News / Assignment Desk or News Editor

Coroner's Inquest Finding

Sheriff-Coroner David Livingston announces that a coroner's jury today reached a finding in the December 15, 2021 death of 45-year-old Sergio Escalera-Valdez of San Pablo. The finding of the jury is that the manner of death is a suicide.

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

###

For more information, please call:

Jimmy Lee, Public Information Officer: (925) 313-2643

The Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office offers a full range of law enforcement services to over 1,000,000 residents in the 715 square mile county. Besides patrolling the unincorporated areas, Deputy Sheriffs provide comprehensive police services to a number of contract cities and special districts. Additionally, the Sheriff's Office operates county detention facilities, provides security for the courts and runs the Office of Emergency Services. Log on www.cocosheriff.org for more information.