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## **Coroner's Inquest Finding**

Sheriff-Coroner David Livingston announces that a coroner's jury today reached a finding in the February 12, 2022 death of 53-year-old Laurent Xavier Vallee of Moraga. 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

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