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





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Coroner's Inquest Finding

Sheriff-Coroner David Livingston announces that a coroner's jury today reached a finding in the December 10, 2021 death of 55-year-old Guadalupe Zavala of Antioch. The finding of the jury is that the manner of death is at the hands of another, other than by accident.

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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