



U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)
Detainee Death Report: RAYO-Garzon, Brayon

General Demographic/Background Information

- **Date of Birth:** November 23, 1997
- **Date of Death:** April 8, 2025
- **Age:** 27
- **Gender:** Male
- **Country of Citizenship:** Colombia
- **Marital Status:** N/A
- **Children:** N/A

Immigration History

On November 30, 2023, U.S. Border Patrol (USBP) arrested Mr. RAYO-Garzon near San Ysidro, California, upon his illegal entry into the United States and placed him in removal proceedings.

On June 12, 2024, an immigration judge, in San Diego, CA ordered Mr. RAYO-Garzon removed in absentia.

On March 25, 2025, ICE Enforcement and Removal Operations Chicago arrested Mr. RAYO-Garzon, upon release from St. Louis City Justice Center (STLCJC), in St. Louis, MO, and detained him at Phelps County Jail (PCJ), in Rolla, MO, pending removal from the United States.

Criminal History

On May 27, 2024, the Shrewsbury Police Department arrested RAYO-Garzon, charged him with shoplifting and booked him into the St. Louis County Jail in St. Louis, MO.

On March 11, 2025, the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department arrested RAYO-Garzon for fraudulent use of credit/debit device and booked him into STLCJC in St. Louis, MO.

Synopsis of Events

On March 27, 2025, a licensed practical nurse (LPN) completed Mr. RAYO-Garzon's medical intake screening, documented normal vital signs, labored breathing, endorsement of anxiety, history of heart murmur, and denial of suicidal thoughts, self-harm, hopelessness, depression, or medication use. The LPN administered a tuberculosis skin test, placed a routine mental health referral, and scheduled a chronic care appointment for his reported heart murmur.

- **On the same date**, an advanced practice provider (APP) cancelled Mr. RAYO-Garzon's chronic care appointment citing no hypertension or history of cardiovascular medications or diagnoses.

On March 29, 2025, a registered nurse (RN) read Mr. RAYO-Garzon's tuberculosis skin test (result: positive), documented severe head pain, body aches, sweating, non-labored breathing, normal blood pressure, elevated pulse, and rapid respiration. Mr. RAYO-Garzon was sent to the emergency room (ER) pursuant to a verbal order from an APP. Mr. RAYO-Garzon tested positive for COVID while at the ER.



On March 30, 2025, an RN evaluated Mr. RAYO-Garzon upon his return from the ER, documented normal vitals and physical exam, and entered an APP's verbal order for medications prescribed in the ER and ibuprofen for pain as needed.

On April 4, 2025, an RN completed Mr. RAYO-Garzon's sick call evaluation for complaints of nausea, vomiting, and muscle aches, contacted an APP, and received an order for an antiemetic tablet. The RN administered a one-time dose of an anti-nausea medication and the antiemetic as prescribed. Mr. RAYO-Garzon's mental health appointment was rescheduled due to "mental health clinic time and staff".

On April 5, 2025, an RN rescheduled Mr. RAYO-Garzon's mental health appointment, citing a COVID diagnosis.

On April 7, 2025, at approximately 9:50 p.m., Mr. RAYO-Garzon was found unresponsive in his cell with a blanket wrapped around his neck. Facility staff initiated cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), and emergency medical services (EMS) provided ambulance transportation to the ER, at Phelps Health Hospital (PHH), in Rolla, MO.

On April 8, 2025, at approximately 2:26 a.m., PHH medical staff transferred Mr. RAYO-Garzon to Mercy South Hospital, in St. Louis, MO, via helicopter, for a higher level of care.

- **On the same date**, Mr. RAYO-Garzon remained mechanically ventilated, on 50% oxygen, with no evidence of brain activity or blood flow to the brain on a computed tomography perfusion study.
- **On the same date**, at 2:24 p.m., hospital staff pronounced Mr. RAYO-Garzon deceased.