

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Detainee Death Report: DUMITRASCU, Cristian

General Demographic/Background Information

• **Date of Birth:** March 3, 1973

• Date of Neurologic Death: March 5, 2023

• Age: 50

• Gender: Male

• Country of Citizenship: Romania

• Marital Status: Married

• Children: N/A

Immigration History

- On February 22, 2023, the United States Customs and Border Protection (CBP) arrested Mr. DUMITRASCU near the Otay Mesa Port of Entry, in CA, for his involvement in a noncitizen alien smuggling activity and for admitting illegal entry into the United States on September 1, 2019.
- On February 23, 2023, CBP charged Mr. DUMITRASCU with violating Section 212(a)(6)(A)(i) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA), as a noncitizen present in the United States without an immigrant visa or other valid entry documents and issued him a Notice to Appear, Form I-862.
- On March 1, 2023, CBP transferred Mr. DUMITRASCU to ICE Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO), and ERO detained Mr. DUMITRASCU at Otay Mesa Detention Center (OMDC) in San Diego, California pending a hearing before an immigration judge.

Criminal History

N/A

Medical History

On March 1, 2023, a registered nurse (RN) completed Mr. DUMITRASCU's initial intake screening and documented mildly elevated blood pressure (BP) of 135/74 millimeters of mercury [(mmHg); normal: less than 120/80mmHg], slightly low heart rate of 59 beats per minute [(bpm); normal: 60-100 bpm]. The RN also noted Mr. DUMITRASCU's self-reported history of hepatitis B for ten years and use of medications (names unknown). The RN cleared Mr. DUMITRASCU for general population with an appointment to see an advanced practice provider (APP) the next day.

On March 3, 2023, an APP completed Mr. DUMIUTRASCU's initial health assessment, documented an unremarkable exam, and Mr. DUMITRASCU's denial of any past medical and mental health histories, illicit drug use, hospitalizations, or allergies. Following the exam, the APP educated Mr. DUMITRASCU on wearing face masks, social distancing, hand washing, and OMDC's sick call process. In addition, the APP ordered the following laboratory studies: comprehensive metabolic panel, complete blood count, lipid panel, urinalysis, human immunodeficiency virus, hepatitis panel, and scheduled a follow-up appointment for March 28, 2023.

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On March 5, 2023, at 12:04 a.m., a custody officer announced a medical emergency via radio transmission in Mr. DUMITRASCU's housing unit.

- At 12:06 a.m., OMDC health staff responded to the medical emergency in Mr. DAMITRASCU's housing unit. An RN found Mr. DUMITRASCU pulseless, unresponsive, with agonal breathing (prolonged gasping respirations), snoring with foamy saliva around the corner of his mouth, and lying on his left side on the top bunk.
- At 12:10 a.m., responding staff transferred Mr. DUMITRASCU onto a stretcher, initiated cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), and simultaneously administered oxygen via non-rebreather mask at 15 liters (L).
- At 12:15 a.m., responding staff transported Mr. DUMITRASCU to an urgent care room, applied an automated external defibrillator (AED) (no shock recommended), continued CPR and oxygen delivery via bag valve mask at 15L.
- At 12:18 a.m., health staff delivered an AED-recommended shock and continued CPR.
- At 12:19 a.m., health staff administered naloxone (opioid reversal agent) 0.4 milligrams (mg) intranasally.
- At 12:20 a.m., Mr. DUMITRASCU remained pulseless and showed no sign of spontaneous breathing. The health staff continued CPR, and an RN documented Mr. DUMITRASCU's blood glucose level of 126 milligrams per deciliter [(mg/dl); normal: 70-100 mg/dl].
- At 12:29 a.m., Advanced Life Support (ALS) paramedics arrived at the bedside, assumed Mr. DUMITRASCU's care, and continued CPR.
- At 1:02 a.m., a Sharps Grossmont Hospital (SGH) physician, in La Mesa, CA, instructed ALS paramedics to stop CPR and declared Mr. DUMITRASCU deceased.