



**U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)
Detainee Death Report: HERNANDEZ-Colula, David**

General Demographic/Background Information

- **Date of Birth:** January 23, 1986
- **Date of Death:** February 20, 2020
- **Age:** 34
- **Gender:** Male
- **Country of Citizenship:** Mexico
- **Marital Status:** Married
- **Children:** Yes (3)

Immigration History

- On December 4, 2014, the U.S. Border Patrol (BP) encountered Mr. HERNANDEZ-Colula while conducting transportation check duties in Rochester, New York (NY). HERNANDEZ-Colula was arrested for being illegally present in the United States and transported to the Rochester Border Patrol Station for further interview and processing. He was then processed for removal proceedings, served with Forms I-862, I-200, I-286, and I-826, and detained at the Buffalo Federal Detention Facility in Batavia, NY.
- On December 8, 2014, HERNANDEZ-Colula was released on bond.
- On December 5, 2019, the Pacific Enforcement Response Center in Laguna Niguel, California, lodged an Immigration Detainer – Notice of Action for Mr. HERNANDEZ-Colula.
- On December 6, 2019, ICE Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) in Detroit, Michigan (MI), arrested Mr. HERNANDEZ-Colula upon his release from St. Joseph County Jail (SJCJ), and booked him in to ICE custody at the Calhoun County Jail (CCJ) in Battle Creek, MI.
- On December 10, 2019, ERO transferred Mr. HERNANDEZ-Colula to the Northeast Ohio Correctional Center (NEOCC).

Criminal History

- On December 4, 2019, Sturgis Police Department in Sturgis, MI, encountered Mr. HERNANDEZ-Colula during a civil dispute with his spouse, arrested him for an outstanding warrant for domestic assault, and booked him in to SJCJ in Centerville, MI.

Medical History

CCJ Medical Records

- **On December 6, 2019**, a CCJ custody officer completed Mr. HERNANDEZ-Colula's intake screening; he denied any medical or mental health concerns. A nurse reviewed and signed the intake screening. Mr. HERNANDEZ-Colula did not seek any further medical care while at CCJ.

NEOCC Medical Records

- **On December 10, 2019**, a licensed practical nurse (LPN) completed Mr. HERNANDEZ-Colula's intake screening; he denied any medical or mental health concerns. The LPN submitted routine referrals to a medical provider, dentist, and mental health provider (MHP).
- **On December 11, 2019**, an MHP completed Mr. HERNANDEZ-Colula's mental health evaluation; he denied any current mental health concerns.



- **On December 12, 2019**, at approximately 12:20 a.m., a custody officer called a medical emergency after finding Mr. HERNANDEZ-Colula with a blanket tied around his neck. An LPN responded, assessed Mr. HERNANDEZ-Colula, and contacted the psychiatrist. The psychiatrist ordered Mr. HERNANDEZ-Colula be placed on one-on-one suicide “constant watch” and ordered a follow-up appointment with an MHP.
- **On December 13, 2019**, an MHP evaluated Mr. HERNANDEZ-Colula, who claimed that he had a panic attack the previous day but denied further thoughts of self-harm. The MHP completed a suicide risk assessment, recommended continuation of constant observation, and scheduled a follow-up appointment for December 16, 2019.
- **Between December 14 and 16, 2019**, in addition to constant observation as ordered, the NEOCC nursing staff completed twice-daily mental health nursing checks for Mr. HERNANDEZ-Colula, who denied further thoughts of self-harm.
- **On December 16, 2019**, an MHP evaluated Mr. HERNANDEZ-Colula, completed a suicide risk assessment, found he presented without risk factors, and recommended discontinuing his constant observation and that he return to general population. The MHP notified the psychiatrist, who agreed with the recommendation.
- **Between December 16 and 20, 2019**, while in general population, the MHP conducted daily visits with Mr. HERNANDEZ-Colula.
- **On January 3, 2020**, an MHP evaluated Mr. HERNANDEZ-Colula, who reported difficulty sleeping and feeling anxious at times and referred Mr. HERNANDEZ-Colula to the psychiatrist.
- **On January 8, 2020**, the psychiatrist evaluated Mr. HERNANDEZ-Colula for sleeplessness and anxiety, and prescribed hydroxyzine (a medication to treat anxiety).
- **On January 22, 2020**, mental health staff evaluated Mr. HERNANDEZ-Colula. He reported improvement with his medications and denied any mental health concerns.
- **On January 29**, mental health staff evaluated Mr. HERNANDEZ-Colula and discussed his medications.
- **On February 19, 2020**, mental health staff evaluated Mr. HERNANDEZ-Colula and offered him supportive counseling. Mr. HERNANDEZ-Colula reportedly denied the offer for counseling but remained compliant with his medications and denied having any suicidal ideations. When questioned, custody staff also denied observing any concerning behaviors from Mr. HERNANDEZ-Colula.

Synopsis of Death

- **On February 20, 2020**, at approximately 1:09 a.m., a custody officer found Mr. HERNANDEZ-Colula hanging from the bunk in his cell and called a medical emergency.
 - At approximately 1:10 a.m., NEOCC’s emergency response team arrived in the unit, cut the ligature, and began lifesaving measures including cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).
 - At approximately 1:12 a.m., medical staff arrived, applied an automatic electronic defibrillator, and continued CPR.
 - At approximately 1:24 a.m., emergency medical services (EMS) arrived and assumed care of Mr. HERNANDEZ-Colula.
 - At approximately 1:45 a.m., EMS transported Mr. HERNANDEZ-Colula to St. Elizabeth Youngstown Hospital (SEYH) in Youngstown, OH.



- At approximately 1:49 a.m., while en route to the hospital, a SEYH physician pronounced Mr. HERNANDEZ-Colula deceased.