

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Detainee Death Report: MOLINA-Veya, Jesus

General Demographic/Background Information

Date of Birth: May 10, 1980Date of Death: June 7, 2025

• Age: 45

• Gender: Male

• Country of Citizenship: Mexico

Immigration History

- On an unknown date and location, Mr. MOLINA-Veya entered the United States without admission or parole.
- On April 19, 1999, the U.S. Border Patrol (USBP) encountered Mr. MOLINA-Veya near the San Ysidro, CA, Port of Entry and determined Mr. MOLINA-Veya to be unlawfully present in the United States. On the same date, USBP issued Mr. MOLINA-Veya a Notice and Order of Expedited Removal.
- On April 20, 1999, USBP removed Mr. MOLINA-Veya from the United States to Mexico.
- Between August 17, 2006, and July 17, 2007, ICE and USBP encountered and removed Mr. MOLINA-Veya from the United States to Mexico three more times, following his illegal reentry into the United States.
- On April 23, 2025, ICE Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) Atlanta encountered Mr. MOLINA-Veya at the Georgia Department of Corrections (GADOC) in Jackson, GA, and determined he was unlawfully present in the United States and lodged an Immigration Detainer. On the same date, ERO Atlanta issued him a Notice of Intent/Decision to Reinstate Prior Order as an alien having re-entered the United States after deportation.
- On May 15, 2025, GADOC transferred custody of Mr. MOLINA-Veya, pursuant to the lodged detainer, to ERO Atlanta. On the same date, ERO Atlanta detained Mr. MOLINA-Veya at Stewart Detention Center (SDC), in Lumpkin, GA.

Criminal History

- Between September 3, 2000, and February 28, 2025, five law enforcement agencies in Georgia, charged Mr. MOLINA-Veya with crimes including simple battery to child molestation and false imprisonment, for which Mr. MOLINA-Veya served 827 days incarceration.
- On April 3, 2025, the Gwinnett County State Court in Lawrenceville, GA convicted Mr. MOLINA-Veya for violations of probation.



Synopsis of Events

On May 15, 2025, Mr. MOLINA-Veya's medical intake screening upon entry at SDC was completed in his native language (Spanish). He reported history of hypertension and high cholesterol, but denied suicidal ideation, substance abuse, and mental health problems. Mr. MOLINA-Veya's blood pressure medications were continued.

On May 19, 2025, Mr. MOLINA-Veya was evaluated for cold symptoms and had a normal exam and vital signs, except for mildly elevated blood pressure. Mr. MOLINA-Veya was provided medications, instructed to increase his fluid intake, and advised to return to the clinic if his symptoms progressed or worsened.

On May 20, 2025, Mr. MOLINA-Veya's comprehensive health assessment, including a physical examination and mental health screening, was completed. The provider documented his history of hypertension, chest pain, upper respiratory symptoms, and a normal exam and vital signs, except for mildly elevated blood pressure. The provider ordered routine laboratory tests, including an electrocardiogram (normal finding), and continued Mr. MOLINA-Veya's previously prescribed medications.

On June 4, 2025, Mr. MOLINA-Veya refused his routine laboratory testing, believing his blood pressure was well controlled and completed a refusal form.

On June 7, 2025, at approximately 5:12 p.m., custody staff announced a medical emergency in unit 4.

- At approximately 5:15 p.m., a unit manager called 911.
- At approximately 5:17 p.m., responding medical staff arrived at Mr. MOLINA-Veya's housing unit and discovered him unresponsive with a cloth ligature around his neck tied to the bottom rail of the top bunk. The responding nurses immediately obtained the rescue tool to cut the material wrapped around Mr. MOLINA-Veya's neck, assisted him to the floor, initiated cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), delivered oxygen via a bag valve mask, and applied an automated external defibrillator to Mr. MOLINA-Veya's chest.
- CPR continued until emergency medical services (EMS) personnel arrived at the scene, assumed Mr. MOLINA-Veya's care, and continued CPR delivery via an automated mechanical chest compression device.
- At approximately 5:31 p.m., EMS personnel transferred Mr. MOLINA-Veya to Phoebe Sumter Hospital (PSH), in Americus, GA.
- At approximately 6:42 p.m., PSH medical staff pronounced Mr. MOLINA-Veya deceased.