



# Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office

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## News Release

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### Notification of Inmate Death

**Santa Barbara** – Just after 2:10 p.m. on Tuesday, June 25, 2019, Sheriff's Custody Deputies responded to a request for assistance for an attempted suicide inside the Main Jail. A custody deputy called for help when he discovered 47-year-old Joseph Frederick Rose in need of medical assistance after an apparent suicide attempt.

Upon discovering Rose, Custody Deputies and Jail Medical staff immediately began life-saving measures which continued until paramedics arrived and took over. At approximately 2:30 p.m. Rose was transported by American Medical Response to the hospital for treatment. He remained in the hospital until he succumbed to the injuries he sustained at approximately 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 30, 2019. Rose was pronounced dead by hospital staff.

Rose, originally from Honolulu, was booked into County Jail on April 10, 2018, with charges of felony burglary, battery, and a probation violation. Rose remained in custody until his death.

Rose's next of kin has been notified. While his death appears to be a suicide, the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Coroner's Office is conducting a death investigation to determine an official cause and manner of death. A final determination is pending toxicology and lab results.