

PRESS RELEASES

Friday 6/1/2018 PM – Hospitalized inmate

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Type of Incident: Hospitalized inmate
Date and Time of Incident: 6/1/18
Place of Occurrence: San Luis Obispo County Jail

Victim Information: Bruce McKnight
Age 65

Suspect Information: N/A

Details of News Release: The Sheriff's Office would like to update the public about a hospitalized inmate, as a response to inquiries by a local media station.

On May 22, 2018, inmate Bruce McKnight (65 years of age) suffered a medical emergency while in custody at the San Luis Obispo County Jail and was transported to a local hospital, where he remains today.

At approximately 6 pm on May 22nd, other inmates in the jail notified the correctional deputy on duty that Mr McKnight needed assistance. The Correctional Deputy found Mr McKnight unresponsive on his bed, not breathing, and with no pulse. CPR was immediately started by the Correctional Deputies, 911 was called, and an AED device was deployed. Narcan was administered by medical staff after other inmates indicated that Mr McKnight may have obtained an illegal narcotic substance. After 7 minutes of high-performance CPR, Mr McKnight regained a pulse and spontaneous respirations before being transported to a local hospital, where he remains today, in critical condition. The Chief Medical Officer was present immediately following the code, when the patient regained consciousness.

After the incident, the jail area where Mr McKnight was housed was searched by correctional staff and a narcotic detection K9. No narcotics were found during the search.

Mr McKnight was booked into custody on April 12, 2018 as a court remand for several drug related charges (Health and Safety Code 11351 – possession of narcotic substance for sale / Health and Safety Code 11378 – Possession of controlled substance for sale / Health and Safety Code 11350(A) – possession of narcotic controlled substance). Mr. McKnight has chronic medical conditions requiring advanced medical care, which required his transportation to a local hospital on 4 different occasions since his incarceration, including this transport.

Mr. McKnight was released from custody today, with Court approval, under compassionate release conditions. This has allowed him to see his family and focus on his health and well-being.

The Sheriff's Office is grateful for the excellent care this patient has received from custodial staff, medical staff at the Jail, first responders, and hospital staff.

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