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DA Releases Report on Solano's Death

The Clark County District Attorney's Office has determined that the actions of the Corrections Officers of the Clark County Detention Center involved in the Feb. 25, 2013 incident that led to the death of Luis Solano were legally justified.

"Officers were attempting to subdue Mr. Solano because he was causing a disruption in the corrections facility, creating a potentially dangerous situation for the officers and other inmates." District Attorney Steve Wolfson said. "A thorough investigation indicated that officers did not use excessive force in their efforts to restrain him."

According to the review released today, Solano was arrested for trafficking in a controlled substance: cocaine. He was booked into the Clark County Detention Center on Feb. 22, 2013. Three days later, Solano was moved to the psychiatric module of the detention center after he began disrupting the unit in which he was originally held. Later that same day, inmates in the new area where Solano was being held were allowed to enter the day room for some free time. He started acting erratically and refused to follow the commands of the officers. When the officers attempted to restrain him, he struggled with them and resisted being handcuffed. Additional officers arrived to assist with his restraint. Once Solano was handcuffed, a restraint chair was brought to the scene. As officers attempted to place Solano in the chair, they noticed he was unconscious and immediately called for medical assistance. Detention center medical personnel began emergency medical procedures and continued until rescue personnel arrived. Las Vegas Fire and Rescue continued CPR while they transported him to University Medical Center (UMC).

Solano was in stable condition until March 1, 2013, but his condition worsened and he died on March 6, 3013.

A Police Fatality Public Fact-Finding Review was conducted on Feb. 6, 2014, and the report released today is meant to be considered in conjunction with that Review.

The determination that the officers acted lawfully in this situation is based upon the evidence available at this time. The case could be reexamined if new information comes to light.

The full report is available on the District Attorney's Web page.