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CBP Statement Regarding Death in Custody in Arizona

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TUCSON, Ariz. – U.S. Customs and Border Protection is saddened to report the death of a 30-year-old man from Mexico on Monday morning in a Tucson area hospital. We extend our condolences to his family.

On September 20, 2020, medical personnel assigned to the Tucson Coordination Center, a centralized processing facility operated by U.S. Border Patrol, became aware that a man in their custody was showing symptoms of dehydration. Agents contacted EMS and the man was transported to a local Tucson hospital by the Tucson Fire Department. On the morning of September 21, while at the hospital, the man passed away and doctors were unable to resuscitate him.

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