

# Stanislaus County **SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

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## MEDIA RELATIONS



**NEWS RELEASE  
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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**TIME** 10:30 0 AM

### **STANISLAUS PUBLIC SAFETY CENTER INMATE DEATH**

**Modesto, CA** – A female inmate died while in the custody of the Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department Wednesday, 2-17-10. She is identified as Leslee Laffoon, 37, a transient in the local Modesto area. Laffoon's next of kin was notified earlier today.

Laffoon was admitted into the hospital on Saturday, 2-13-10, with complaints of pain all over her body. Upon being discharged from the hospital on 2-17-10 Stanislaus County Deputy Probation Officers arrested Laffoon for a violation of her probation.

Laffoon was placed on probation on a prior conviction and was subsequently arrested at approximately 12:52 PM for violating her probation terms. Laffoon was then transported to the Stanislaus County Public Safety Center by probation officers.

The Public Safety Center is used for the booking and housing of all females in the custody of the Sheriff's Department.

Prior to being booked into the Public Safety Center, Laffoon was given a medical screening and placed into a holding cell where she was waiting to be booked. A second inmate was also in the cell with Laffoon as they awaited booking. This process can take up to several hours depending on how many incoming inmates are awaiting booking and medical screening.

While in the holding cell, deputies went to retrieve Laffoon for the booking process and found her unresponsive.

CPR was performed by deputies but was unsuccessful. Leslee was pronounced dead at the scene at approximately 5:31 PM. Stanislaus County Sheriff's Homicide Detectives were immediately notified and are currently conducting an investigation of Laffoon's death.

An autopsy has been scheduled for today, but results will not be available until toxicology results are completed.

Laffoon was not involved in any type of altercation with law enforcement prior to being arrested and placed in the Public Safety Center. Detectives do not believe an altercation took place with the second inmate in the holding cell with Laffoon.

For information regarding this press release please contact Deputy Andrew Winter (209) 652-0300, [awinter@stanislaussheriff.com](mailto:awinter@stanislaussheriff.com).

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