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Raymond Regalado  
Chair, Sybil Brand Commission  
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
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Dear Mr. Regalado,

I appreciate your interest in the recent emergency response at Men's Central Jail (MCJ). I am happy to provide you with an overview of the circumstances.

At approximately 6:45 a.m. on October 29, 2024, deputies from Men's Central Jail responded to a medical emergency involving seven inmates who were inside a dormitory housing location. The deputies took immediate lifesaving measures, which included the administration of Narcan and CPR, and requested assistance from the Los Angeles City Fire Department. As a precautionary measure, all inmates experiencing medical distress were transported to a local hospital via ambulance for medical evaluation.

At approximately, 2:55 p.m., seven custody personnel were taken to local hospitals as a precaution after experiencing symptoms potentially related to the earlier suspected overdose incident. Custody employees were in the process of searching the housing dorm and making it safe prior to repopulating the area when some of them started to experience symptoms.

All the employees and six of the seven inmates were in stable condition when transported to the hospital and were released within 24 hours. One inmate, who was listed as critical upon his arrival at the hospital was upgraded to stable condition within eight hours and remains hospitalized for observation.

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Members of the Custody Investigative Services, including the Organized Crime Task Force, Operation Safe Jails, and scent-detection K9s responded and are handling the investigation into the incident.

We are deeply concerned about these recent incidents and are committed to preventing illicit substances from entering our jail facilities by utilizing mail scanners, body scanners, and scent-detection K9s. We are optimistic that in the near future, we will have the use of updated technological solutions, including more advanced body and property scanners, that will further assist us in minimizing illicit substances in the jails.

I understand you may have additional questions or concerns; however, this incident is now an active criminal investigation and as such it is deemed confidential. I will keep you updated as I obtain information which can be disclosed to you within the confines of your authority as an institutional inspector and according to state law.

I appreciate our continued collaborative partnership. Please feel free to contact me at (213) 893-5001 with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

ROBERT G. LUNA, SHERIFF



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