CBP Statement Regarding Death of Salvadoran Man

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The men and women of U.S. Customs and Border Protection are saddened by the unfortunate death of a 43-year-old man from El Salvador who was rushed to the hospital after falling into medical distress. Our condolences are with his family. CBP is committed to the health, safety and humane treatment of those in our custody.

The man’s cause of death is not known at this time. Consistent with CBP policy, CBP’s Office of Professional Responsibility has initiated a review. The Department of Homeland Security Office of the Inspector General, the El Salvadoran government and members of Congress have been notified, consistent with CBP’s Interim Procedures on Notification of a Death in Custody.

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