Statement on Death of Salvadoran Man in Lordsburg, N.M.

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The men and women of U.S. Customs and Border Protection are saddened to report that a 32-year-old man from El Salvador was pronounced deceased early this morning in Lordsburg, New Mexico. The individual was taken into custody by El Paso Station Border Patrol agents last night around 9:00 p.m. MST and was being processed at the Lordsburg Border Patrol Station when he fell into medical distress. Attempts to revive the individual were unsuccessful. Our condolences are with his family.

CBP is committed to the health, safety and humane treatment of those in our custody. 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 Salvador 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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