U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)
Detainee Death Report: WEI, Lianyong

Immigration and Criminal History

On August 22, 2026, ICE Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) San Francisco encountered Mr. WEI, a 51-year-old male citizen of People's Republic of China, while he was detained at the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) Department of Corrections (DOC). On the same date, ERO San Francisco arrested Mr. WEI upon his release from DOC pursuant to a Warrant of Arrest, Form I-200. Mr. WEI was detained at CNMI DOC pending removal.

On August 21, 2026, the CNMI Department of Public Safety (DPS) arrested Mr. WEI on suspicion of assault with a dangerous weapon, assault and battery, and disturbing the peace.

Synopsis of Events

On August 21, 2026, CNMI DOC custody staff transported Mr. WEI to the Commonwealth Health Care Corporation (CHCC) emergency room for medical clearance following his arrest. A hospital advanced practice provider (APP) documented Mr. WEI's report that he sustained injuries during an altercation, noted he was alert and appeared to be in no acute distress, administered a tetanus vaccine, and cleared him for jail placement. Following his return to CNMI DOC, a custody officer completed his medical screening and documented his denial of any past medical or mental health conditions.

On August 22, 2026, CNMI DOC transferred Mr. WEI into ICE custody.

On August 23, 2026, at approximately 6:34 a.m., a detainee who was cleaning the housing unit floors alerted a CNMI DOC officer to Mr. WEI. The officer found Mr. WEI with a bedsheet tied to the top bunk and around his neck. Officers removed the material, lowered Mr. WEI to the floor, notified the shift commander, and initiated cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).

- **At approximately 6:35 a.m.,** the shift commander requested emergency medical services (EMS). Custody officers continued CPR until relieved by EMS personnel.
- **At approximately 6:48 a.m.,** EMS personnel arrived at the scene, transferred Mr. WEI from the floor onto a stretcher, and continued life-saving measures.
- **At approximately 7:04 a.m.,** EMS personnel departed DOC with Mr. WEI and transported him to the CHCC emergency room.
- **At approximately 7:18 a.m.,** EMS personnel arrived at CHCC.
- **At 7:19 a.m.,** a CHCC physician pronounced Mr. WEI deceased.

A CHCC physician documented on Mr. WEI's death certificate that his immediate cause of death was hypoxia from strangulation due to hanging and his manner of death was suicide.