U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)
Detainee Death Report: TINEO Martinez, Juan Alexis

Immigration History

Mr. TINEO-Martinez, a 44-year-old male citizen of the Dominican Republic, was interdicted at sea by U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Air and Marine Operations during a patrol operation to combat suspected smuggling of narcotics from the Dominican Republic into Puerto Rico (PR). After Mr. TINEO-Martinez's capture on February 21, 2025, he was transferred to the custody of ICE Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), San Juan. Mr. TINEO-Martinez had no legal status in the United States.

Synopsis of Events

Upon transfer to HSI custody, Mr. TINEO-Martinez complained of a persistent pain in his right leg and was transported by ambulance to the Centro Medico Hospital in San Juan, PR. While at the hospital, Mr. TINEO-Martinez complained that he was having trouble breathing and told staff that he had pulmonary barotrauma from a previous diving-related accident.

Mr. TINEO-Martinez's difficulty breathing increased and he was diagnosed with a collapsed lung. He was canalized to provide oxygen, and medical professionals conducted additional tests. Over the next day, hospital staff noted that Mr. TINEO-Martinez was not responding well to treatment. A toxicology report indicated an extremely high amount of cocaine in his blood system and the doctor told HSI agents that Mr. TINEO-Martinez had minimal chance of survival. Mr. TINEO-Martinez died early morning on February 23, 2025.