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In-custody Death

SAN RAFAEL, CA- On August 2, 2009 at approximately 7:46 AM, a Marin County Jail inmate was transported to a local hospital for evaluation. At about 9:10 AM, the inmate passed away while undergoing medical care by the emergency room staff.

Richard Leverett, a 37 year old male from San Rafael was booked into the Marin County Jail on July 30, 2009 by the San Rafael Police Department for drug charges, including possession of narcotics, possession of a hypodermic needle, and for being under the influence of a controlled substance. Due to medical symptoms Leverett was experiencing this morning, he was transported to Novato Community Hospital for medical evaluation, where he subsequently passed away.

The Marin County Coroner's Office has notified the next of kin and they are continuing the death investigation. The Marin County Sheriff's Office has also requested that the Sonoma County Sheriff's Office conduct a concurrent investigation.