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## **Manteca Resident Died Unrelated to Police Contact**

Based on rumors and inaccurate information being circulated regarding the death of a Manteca resident – who was identified as Roy Francisco Craig 60 yrs old - who died in a hospital two days after being taken into custody for disorderly contact, this press release is to identify what occurred to cause him being taken into custody and why he was taken to a hospital. First, **a taser was not deployed on Craig and no injuring force was used.**

On April 10, 2026, Manteca Dispatch received a call regarding Craig acting bizarre and erratic in the 1600 blk of N. Main Street. Officers and medics were dispatched to the location (medics were sent in case it was a medical issue). Craig refused medical assistance by becoming combative and uncooperative with them. Based on Craig's actions and the officer's observations, it was determined that Craig was under the influence of a controlled substance to the point he was unable to care for himself or others and arrested for Penal Code 647(f) (which covers under the influence of drugs or alcohol).

During the booking process, Craig became unresponsive and an ambulance responded and transported him to the hospital. At the hospital, Manteca Officers were informed Craig had serious medical issues - unrelated to his arrest – which required hospitalization and treatment decisions. Craig was released from police custody at that time.

The Manteca Police Department assisted the hospital staff with contacting a relative to assist with Craig's medical decisions. Two days later, Craig died in the hospital. And the following day, the San Joaquin County Medical Examiner performed an autopsy to determine his cause of death: that determination is pending toxicology.

We will not be providing information regarding Craig's medical history and medical issue that caused his hospitalization. That information should be included in his autopsy report when it is completed.

We will release that illegal narcotics were located among Craig's belongings. It is important to note that officers are not privy to a person's medical history prior to contacting them and taking appropriate action to prevent them from harming themselves or others. It is unfortunate that symptoms of Craig's severe medical issue came to light while he was in custody, but they were not caused by contact with the officers.