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ICE detainee passes away at Arizona hospital

TUCSON, Ariz. — A Mexican national in the custody of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) passed away Sunday morning at the University of Arizona Medical Center in Tucson.

On Oct. 25, Pablo Gracida-Conte, 54, was taken by ambulance from the Eloy Detention Facility in Eloy, Ariz., to the Casa Grande Regional Medical Center in Casa Grande, Ariz., after complaining of shortness of breath and dizziness. The hospital transferred him on Oct. 28 to the University of Arizona Medical Center for medical stabilization. Gracida-Conte passed away at the university medical facility on Oct. 30.

ICE notified Gracida-Conte's next of kin through the Mexican consulate. Consistent with ICE protocol, the appropriate state health and local law enforcement agencies have been informed.

Gracida-Conte was arrested by local law enforcement June 4 in Fairfield, Calif. He was turned over to ICE on June 9 and transferred to the Eloy Detention Facility pending immigration removal proceedings.

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