



U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)
Detainee Death Report: MONTEJO, Pete Sumalo

Immigration History

Mr. MONTEJO, a 72-year-old male citizen of Philippines, was admitted to the United States as a lawful permanent resident on March 13, 1962. He was arrested by ERO Houston on February 25, 2025, during a targeted enforcement action and detained at the Montgomery Processing Center (MPC) in Conroe, TX, pending removal proceedings. Mr. MONTEJO had a criminal history including convictions for theft by appropriation (1976), aggravated sexual assault of a child (1992), driving while intoxicated and failing to register as a sex offender (2022), and possession of cocaine (2024).

Synopsis of Events

Upon arrival at MPC, Mr. MONTEJO underwent intake screening and comprehensive health assessments, reporting hypertension, anxiety, depression, and chronic back pain. He received ongoing medical and mental health care, including management for hypertension, prediabetes, COVID-19, and chronic respiratory issues. Over the course of his detention, he was hospitalized multiple times for acute coronary syndrome, congestive heart failure, chronic kidney disease, and respiratory distress, requiring intensive treatments such as dialysis, heart surgery, and burn care. He was transferred between acute care hospitals, long-term care facilities, and skilled nursing centers as his condition evolved.

Mr. MONTEJO's health continued to decline due to complex chronic conditions, including heart failure, kidney disease, respiratory complications, and severe burns. On December 5, 2025, he suffered cardiac arrest at Treasure Hills Healthcare and Rehabilitation center. Staff initiated cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and Emergency medical services (EMS) transported him to Valley Baptist Medical Center, where resuscitation efforts were unsuccessful. Mr. MONTEJO was pronounced deceased at approximately 2:20 p.m.