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FEDERAL INMATE DEATH BY APPARENT SUICIDE

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Federal Transfer Center inmate Vance Paul Brockway aka Kenneth Trentadue, was pronounced dead at 5:06 a.m. on 08-21-95. Brockway was serving a 20 year sentence for Armed Robbery of a Savings and Loan. This sentence was imposed in March, 1982, in the Southern District of California. He was released on parole on 04-21-88, however, a parole violator warrant was issued by the U.S. Parole Commission on 12-13-89. He was arrested on the parole violator warrant on 07-10-95, in San Diego, California and transferred to the Federal Transfer Center for a scheduled revocation hearing in September, 1995. He arrived at the Transfer Center on 08-18-95, and was placed in a segregation single cell on 08-20-95, at his request. The specific basis for this request remains unknown at this time. Death has been tentatively ruled as suicide by asphyxiation. Mr. Brockway was found hanging in his cell approximately 20 minutes after the previous routine cell check by correctional officers. Other cuts and abrasions found on Mr. Brockway's body would indicate persistent attempts by Mr. Brockway to cause himself serious injury or death. Permissible items found in the cell would support presumptions that cuts on the body were self-inflicted. The case has been routinely referred to the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Oklahoma City and Internal Bureau of Prisons investigations continue.

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