74-year-old man at California ICE prison dies of suicide



San Diego, May 20 (RHC)-- In California, a 74-year-old immigrant died of suicide at the Mesa Verde Detention Facility in Bakersfield. Choung Won Ahn had been imprisoned at the Immigration and Customs Enforcement jail since February and for months had been pleading to be released as he suffered from diabetes, hypertension and several heart-related issues, which made him vulnerable to COVID-19.

ICE repeatedly denied his pleas for freedom as he feared contracting the virus inside the squalid, crowded facility. Mesa Verde is run by the private prison company the GEO Group.

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