

PIMA COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT **MEDIA RELEASE**

Chris Nanos, Sheriff

UPDATE: Cause of Death

June 19, 2026

The Pima County Office of the Medical Examiner has determined Ms. Dodd's manner of death to be accidental, with an immediate cause to be a subarachnoid hemorrhage due to, or as a consequence of, a ruptured cerebral aneurysm in the setting of methamphetamine use.

This investigation remains ongoing.

Arrest Made in Aggravated Assault / Kidnapping Investigation

June 16, 2026

On June 15, 2026, detectives with the Pima County Sheriff's Department Fugitive Investigations Unit arrested 40-year-old Coral Michelle Smith in the 6100 block of North Pepper Tree Lane on an active arrest warrant in connection with an aggravated assault and kidnapping investigation.

On May 29, 2026, Pima County Sheriff's Department deputies assigned to the Rincon District responded to a local hospital for a report of an assault that occurred approximately a week earlier in the 5400 block of North San Joaquin Avenue. Deputies learned the victim, identified as 57-year-old Rustin Lee Dodd, had been transported to the hospital that morning by emergency medical services and was in critical condition.

For further information contact the Public Information Office at (520) 237-3740 or pcsdpio@sheriff.pima.gov.

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Due to the severity of Ms. Dodd's injuries, detectives with the Homicide and Robbery/Assault Unit responded to the incident. Based on their investigation, detectives determined that approximately one week earlier, Ms. Dodd went to Ms. Smith's residence in the 5000 block of North La Cholla Boulevard. While there, an altercation occurred, and Ms. Smith assaulted Ms. Dodd and refused to let her leave the residence.

Ms. Dodd was later allowed to leave and went to a friend's residence, where she was provided care until the morning of May 29, when she became unresponsive and was transported to the hospital.

Over the next several days, Ms. Dodd's condition deteriorated. On June 1, 2026, she passed away at the hospital. Ms. Dodd's specific cause of death is awaiting final determination.

Ms. Smith was booked into the Pima County Adult Detention Complex on charges of aggravated assault and kidnapping.

The investigation is ongoing.

Case Number: 260529272



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