



**U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)
Detainee Death Report: KATARIA, Pankaj Karan Singh**

General Demographic/Background Information

- **Date of Birth:** July 27, 1964
- **Date of Death:** November 1, 2024
- **Age:** 60
- **Gender:** Male
- **Country of Citizenship:** India
- **Marital Status:** N/A
- **Children:** N/A

Immigration History

On July 18, 1997, the former Immigration and Naturalization Service admitted Mr. KATARIA into the United States at the Chicago International Airport, Chicago, Illinois, as a nonimmigrant visitor.

On April 4, 2023, Mr. KATARIA entered U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) custody, at Nye County Detention Center, upon his release from a Utah State Jail. ICE issued Mr. KATARIA a Notice to Appear, as a noncitizen subject to removal from the United States due to a conviction for an aggravated felony.

On June 14, 2023, an immigration judge, in Pahrump, NV, ordered Mr. KATARIA removed from the United States. Mr. KATARIA was subject to an administratively final order of removal.

Criminal History

On May 11, 2012, the Fourth District Court in Provo, Utah (UT), convicted Mr. KATARIA for offenses of felony assault and kidnapping, and criminal mischief, and imposed sentences ranging from 180 days to life for all charges.

Synopsis of Events

On April 5, 2023, medical staff completed Mr. KATARIA's intake screening and documented a history of heart disease, diabetes, high blood pressure, seizure disorder, quadruple bypass in 2011, stent placement in 2013 and 2014, and a current hernia in the right groin area.

On April 6, 2023, medical staff responded to a medical emergency in Mr. KATARIA's dorm for seizure activity. Upon arrival, medical staff discovered Mr. KATARIA unresponsive and called 911. Emergency medical services (EMS) staff transported Mr. KATARIA to the hospital.

On April 7, 2023, a medical assistant (MA) and a registered nurse (RN) evaluated Mr. KATARIA after he returned from the hospital and noted the hospital's recommended medications for Mr.



KATARIA. Mr. KATARIA was transported to the medical housing unit in wheelchair for close observation for complaints of feeling dizzy and groggy.

- **On the same date**, an RN evaluated Mr. KATARIA later in the morning and documented he was alert and oriented with normal vital signs, slight dizziness, and an elevated blood sugar level. The RN noted a scheduled evaluation by a physician on Tuesday, April 11, 2023.

On April 11, 2023, an advanced practice provider (APP) completed Mr. KATARIA's comprehensive physical exam and documented a medical history of high blood pressure, diabetes, seizures, and prior myocardial infarctions with bypass and stent placement. The APP added medications to Mr. KATARIA's prescription regimen.

On May 2023, a physician ordered Mr. KATARIA's routine labs, including a lipid panel, comprehensive metabolic panel, complete blood count, and hemoglobin A1C. Mr. KATARIA's labs showed normal results, except for an elevated A1C, low HDL, and low total cholesterol.

Between April 29 and September 8, 2023, Mr. KATARIA was evaluated by medical staff for complaints of a left inguinal hernia. Referral for surgery was made, and surgery was scheduled for September 9, 2023. On September 8, 2023, the surgeon cancelled Mr. KATARIA's surgery because Mr. KATARIA required cardiac clearance.

On September 2023, a physician ordered Mr. KATARIA's routine labs, which showed unremarkable results and an improved A1C.

On November 27, 2023, a cardiologist completed Mr. KATARIA's pre-operative evaluation and noted his past medical history and ordered an electrocardiogram. The cardiologist documented Mr. KATARIA's treatment for elevated cholesterol, ordered an echocardiogram with doppler and a PET scan, and recommended a follow-up appointment.

On March 2024, a physician ordered Mr. KATARIA's routine labs, which showed improvement in his HDL, total cholesterol, and A1C.

On June 2024, off-site medical providers completed Mr. KATARIA's PET scan and echocardiogram, and the radiologist documented his heart function appeared stable when compared with a previous study completed in 2023.

Between August 1 and October 17, 2024, Mr. KATARIA's blood pressure and fasting blood sugar were measured daily, and the documented values were within normal limits or mildly elevated. Mr. KATARIA continued to receive medications for his chronic medical conditions.

On September 13, 2024, a surgeon performed Mr. KATARIA's open right inguinal hernia repair without complications and discharged him back to the facility the same day.

On September 17, 2024, a physician evaluated Mr. KATARIA postoperatively and documented stable vital signs.



On October 17, 2024, ICE transferred Mr. KATARIA to Henderson Detention Center (HDC), located in Henderson, NV, in route to Prairieland Detention Facility (PDF), located in Alvarado, Texas (TX), pending his deportation.

- **At approximately 11:20 a.m.**, an HDC RN completed Mr. KATARIA’s intake screening and physical exam, and documented a normal exam, vital signs, his medical and surgical history, and his reported medications.

On October 18, 2024, at approximately 2:33 a.m., HDC booked Mr. KATARIA out of HDC.

- **That same day**, during Mr. KATARIA’s transport from Dallas Fort Worth airport to PDF, he suffered cardiac arrest. Contract transportation staff contacted EMS, and EMS staff transported Mr. KATARIA to Texas Health Hurst Eules Bedford (HEB) Hospital, in Bedford, TX. HEB hospital admitted Mr. KATARIA into the intensive care unit and listed him as intubated, sedated, and in critical condition.

On October 20, 2024, HEB hospital staff reported Mr. KATARIA’s x-ray revealed he had pneumonia, they attempted to remove him from the ventilator without success, and he remained intubated and sedated.

On October 22, 2024, HEB hospital staff reported Mr. KATARIA underwent a cardiac catheterization, which revealed a total occlusion of the proximal left anterior descending artery, main obtuse margin branch, and large dominant right coronary artery, with 80% stenosis of the posterior descending artery. The HEB medical staff reported Mr. KATARIA had developed acute respiratory distress syndrome, and he was not a candidate for surgical intervention. HEB hospital staff reported Mr. KATARIA remained intubated and sedated through October 30, 2024.

Between October 25-31, 2024, HEB hospital staff contacted Mr. KATARIA’s next of kin and notified them of his condition, his development of sepsis, and his “very poor” prognosis. Mr. KATARIA’s next of kin agreed to place Mr. KATARIA on a do-not-resuscitate status on October 31, 2024.

On November 1, 2024, HEB hospital staff spoke with Mr. KATARIA’s next of kin, and they agreed to withdraw life supporting measures. An HEB physician pronounced Mr. KATARIA deceased at 8:15 p.m.