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MCRD SAN DIEGO RECRUIT IDENTIFIED

Private Patrick Armando Vega, 21, was pronounced dead at 11:43 a.m. March 25, as a result of cardiac arrest which occurred that morning at Naval Medical Center San Diego. He was receiving treatment following a medical emergency aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego March 24.

A drill instructor found Vega, who was undergoing recruit training, unresponsive in his bed at approximately midnight and conducted CPR until first responders arrived. He was subsequently transported to NMCS D where he remained in critical condition.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of Pvt. Vega during this difficult time," said Brig. Gen. William Jurney, commanding general, MCRD San Diego and the Western Recruiting Region.

The command has initiated a preliminary inquiry and officials at NMCS D are conducting a medical review, both in accordance with standard procedure.