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Ground Accident Investigation Board releases findings on Airman Fatality

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JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RANDOLPH, Texas - Air Education and Training Command officials released the Ground Accident Investigation Board (GAIB) report, today, for the Aug. 4, 2025, death of Airman First Class Syamukonka Moonga who was assigned to the 346th Training Squadron at Naval Base Ventura County-Port Hueneme (NBVC-PH), Calif.

The GAIB president reported that the A1C collapsed at approximately 5:12 p.m. PST after completing the 1.5-mile run portion of a routine fitness assessment.

The investigation found that immediate medical assistance was provided on scene by fellow Airmen and the Military Training Leader (MTL), who initiated CPR. The response quickly escalated to include NBVC-PH Security Division Patrolmen, fire personnel, and an Emergency Medical Service (EMS) team. Despite extensive resuscitation efforts, the Airman was pronounced deceased at 6:22 p.m. PST

Consistent with the findings of the Medical Examiner, the GAIB investigation reported the cause of death to be sudden cardiac arrest due to probable exercise-induced arrhythmia, classifying the manner of death as natural. The report also noted that a post-mortem examination revealed potential contributing factors, including smaller caliber coronary arteries and genetic variants of uncertain significance. The Airman had no known pre-existing conditions.

The 346 TRS in which the Airman was assigned provides initial and supplemental training for Vehicle Maintenance and Management professionals. The 346 TRS, is one of the technical schools assigned to the 37th Training Wing at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland.

The AIB report can be viewed at <https://www.afjag.af.mil/AIB-Reports> under the 2025 tab.

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