

# Linkin Park lead singer commits suicide

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Chester Bennington, the ferocious lead singer for the platinum-selling hard rock band Linkin Park, was found dead in his home near Los Angeles on Thursday. He was 41.

Brian Elias, the chief of operations for the Los Angeles County coroner's office, confirmed the death, in Palos Verdes Estates, and said it was being investigated as a possible suicide after law enforcement authorities responded to a call shortly after 9am.

Bennington, who was known for his piercing scream and free-flowing anguish, released seven albums with Linkin Park. The most recent, "One More Light," arrived in May and debuted at No. 1 on the Billboard album chart. The band was scheduled to start a tour with a concert on July 27 in Mansfield, Mass.

Linkin Park was supposed to start its tour in a week, with a stop scheduled for Sept. 1 at Harveys in Lake Tahoe.

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