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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number: 17-310-MJ

Version Type: ORIGINAL
VERSION

Report Date: 6/15/2017 3:29 PM

Status: Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name: Mesquite Police
Dept.

Agency Address: 777 N. Galloway
Ave.

Agency City: Mesquite

Agency State: TX

Agency Zip: 75149

Director Information

Director Salutation: Chief

Director First Name: Charles

Director Middle Name:

Director Last Name: Cato

Reporter Name: Sgt. Mike Parker

Reporter Email: mparker@mesquitelaplice.org

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Natalie

Middle Name: Georgia Suzanne

Last Name: Sanders

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 12/16/1979

Sex: Female

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 37

Date/Time of Custody (arrest, incarceration) (mm/dd/yyyy hh:mm AM/PM):

Date/Time of Custody or
Incident: 5/26/2017 8:45 AM

Date/Time of Death (mm/dd/yyyy hh:mm AM/PM):

Death Date and Time: 5/26/2017 1:08 PM

Manner / Cause of Death

Has a medical examiner or coroner conducted an evaluation to determine a cause of death?

Medical Examiner/Coroner Yes, results
Evaluation?: pending

What was the manner of death? (select only one)

Manner of Death: Pending autopsy
results

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Pending toxicology

Had the decedent been receiving treatment for the medical condition that caused the death after admission to your jail's jurisdiction?

Medical Treatment: No

If death was an accident, homicide or suicide, who caused the death?

Who caused the death?: Decedent

If a weapon caused the death, what type of weapon caused the death? (Hold CTRL to select all that apply)

Type of weapon that caused death?: Not Applicable

Was the cause of death the result of a pre-existing medical condition or did the decedent develop the condition after admission?

Pre existing medical condition?: Not Applicable; cause of death was accidental injury, intoxication, suicide or homicide

If death was an accident, homicide or suicide, what was the means of death?

Means of Death: Drug overdose

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address: 777 North Gallaway

City: Mesquite

County: Dallas

Zip: 75149

What location category best describes where the event causing the death occurred?

Location Category: Other, specify

Other Location Category:

Detention Facility

What type of custody/facility was the Decedent in at the time of death:

Type of Custody: Municipal Jail

Specific type of custody/facility:

Specific Type of Custody/Facility:

Jail - single cell

What was the time and date of the deceased's entry into the law enforcement facility where the death occurred (mm/dd/yyyy hh:mm AM/PM):

Entry Date Time: 5/26/2017 9:37 AM

Where did the death occur?

Death Location: Law enforcement
facility/booking
center

General Information

Did any other law enforcement agencies respond to calls for service related to this incident?

Other Agencies Respond?: No

What were the most serious offense(s) with which the deceased was (or would have been) charged with at the time of death?

Offense 1:

Warrant - Possession of Drug Paraphernalia

Offense 2:

Offense 3:

Were the Charges:: Filed

What were the types of charges or reason for contact? (Hold CTRL to select all that apply)

Type of Offense: Alcohol / drug
offense

At any time during the incident and/or entry into the law enforcement facility, did the decedent display or use a weapon?

Decedent display/use of
weapons: No

At any time during the incident and/or entry into the law enforcement facility, did the decedent:

Attempt to Injure Others?: No

At any time during the incident and/or entry into the law enforcement facility, did the decedent:

Appear intoxicated (alcohol or
drugs): Yes

Make suicidal statements?: No

Exhibit any mental health
problems?: No

Exhibit any medical problems?: Yes

At any time during the incident and/or entry into the law enforcement facility, did the decedent:

Barricade self or initiate standoff?:	No	Resist being handcuffed or arrested?:	No
Physically attempt/assault officer(s):	No	Gain possession of officer's weapon:	No
Verbally threaten other(s) including law:	No	Escape or attempt to escape/flee custody:	No
Attempt gain possession officer's weapon:	No		

Was the deceased under restraint in the time leading up to the death or the events causing the death?

Under Restraint: No

Summary of Incident

Summary of How the Death Occurred: (max. 30,000 characters)

Summary:

The decedent was contacted on a suspicious person call in which she was found sleeping in the front seat of a pick-up which was parked on a residential street. Upon contact by officers, she advised that the truck was broken down and she was waiting for her boyfriend. A routine computer check revealed that the decedent had a warrant out of Mesquite PD for Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. The warrant was confirmed and the decedent was arrested. Upon arrival at the jail in the sally port the arresting officer observed the decedent to engage in activity that he suspected might be the decedent placing something in her mouth. The officer ordered her to spit out whatever it was but the decedent refused. The decedent appeared to swallow whatever it was and coughed a few times. Paramedics were immediately called to examine the decedent but she refused to cooperate with them and would not admit swallowing anything. She behaved in a lethargic manner and did not want to talk to the paramedics. The decedent was placed in a monitored cell and went to sleep. She was observed to change positions several times and wake up and look around at least once over the next two hours. Approximately 2 hours and 8 minutes after being placed in the cell, the decedent was observed to experience what appeared to be a seizure-like movement and a detention officer responded to check on her. The decedent was found unresponsive and not breathing. CPR was initiated and the decedent was transported to Dallas Regional Hospital where she was pronounced dead. An autopsy on the following day revealed a plastic bag similar to those used to keep narcotics in the decedent's stomach. There were no other obvious indicators of cause of death. Toxicology is pending at the time of this writing.