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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number: 17-353-C

Version Type: ORIGINAL
VERSION

Report Date: 7/3/2017 3:32 PM

Status: Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name: Edinburg Police
Dept.

Agency Address: 1702 S. Closner

Agency City: Edinburg

Agency State: TX

Agency Zip: 78539

Director Information

Director Salutation: Chief

Director First Name: David

Director Middle Name:

Director Last Name: White

Reporter Name: Oscar Trevino

Reporter Email: otrevino@cityofedinburg.com

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Christopher

Middle Name:

Last Name: Reyes

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 11/2/1986

Sex: Male

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 30

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 6/18/2017 12:01 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 6/18/2017 1:15 PM

Manner / Cause of Death

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

Medical Examiner/Coroner Evaluation?: Yes, results 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 autopsy results.

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

Medical Treatment: Unknown

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

Who caused the death?: Not applicable

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?: Could not be determined

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

Means of Death: Unknown

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address: 801 Greenbriar

City: Edinburg

County: Hidalgo

Zip: 78539

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

Location Category: Parking lot/garage

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

Type of Custody: Police Custody
(pre-booking)

Specific type of custody/facility:

Specific Type of Custody/Facility:

Custody of Law Enforcement Personnel subsequent to arrest

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:

Entry Date Time N/A: ☒

Where did the death occur?

Death Location: Medical facility

General Information

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

Other Agencies Respond?: Yes

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:

Resist Arrest, Search or Transportation

Offense 2:

Offense 3:

Were the Charges:: Not filed at time of death

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

Type of Offense: Alcohol / drug offense; Medical / Mental Health assistance call; Crime Against Property

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?: Yes (select all that apply)

Ways Decedent Attempted To Injure Others: Attempted to injure law enforcement personnel; Attempted to injure civilian(s) or other inmate(s)

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?: Yes

Exhibit any mental health problems?: Yes

Exhibit any medical problems?: No

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?: Yes

Physically attempt/assault officer(s): Yes

Gain possession of officer's weapon: No

Verbally threaten other(s) including law: Yes

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: Yes, mark which restraint devices were used

Type of restraint

Type of Restraint: Handcuffs

Summary of Incident

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

Summary:

On 06-18-2017 at about 12:01pm Officers responded to 801 Greenbriar Apartment #18 in Edinburg, Hidalgo County, Texas in reference to a male and female disturbance. On arrival officers encountered a male individual later identified as 30 year old Christopher Reyes who was outside in front of the apartment. Christopher Reyes was lying on the sidewalk clothed with only boxer underwear, rolling side to side on his back and was yelling incoherently while swinging both arms into the air. Officers observed him to be combative, aggressive and experiencing hallucinations at which time they determined that he may be under the influence of an unknown type of narcotic. His wife reported to officers that he was under the influence of cocaine and was throwing and breaking things around the house, making threats of assault and hallucinating

that he was fighting three (3) men as he commenced to strike himself on the face and throw himself against the walls. Christopher Reyes attempted to grab the officers feet multiple times and began yelling at officers to shoot him. Officers proceeded to engage him and place him in handcuffs for his safety at which time he resisted arrest. Officers used minimal force necessary to effect the arrest and escorted him to the backseat of a marked police unit pending transport to a medical facility. While inside the police unit awaiting transport, Christopher Reyes was yelling out threats to his wife and kicking the back door. Minutes later Officers noticed that Christopher Reyes was suddenly quiet, therefore they proceeded to open the back door of the police unit to check on him prior to proceeding with the transport. Upon opening the door, they observed that he was lying sideways with the top half of his body wedged between the backseat and the driver side panel with his bottom half on top of the right side seat. Christopher Reyes appeared to be purple in color and was not responsive. Officers began chest compressions after confirming that he was no longer breathing. Christopher Reyes was subsequently transported to the Edinburg Regional Hospital by ambulance where he later died. Justice of the Peace Charlie Espinoza of Precinct 4 Place 1 in Hidalgo County, Texas pronounced Christopher Reyes dead on 06-18-2017 at 1:15pm. Justice of the Peace Charlie Espinoza ordered an autopsy to determine the manner and cause of death. The autopsy was conducted by Forensic Pathologist Dr. Norma Jean Farley in which the results are pending.