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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	22-456-CJ	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	10/10/2022 3:13 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Childress County Sheriff's Office	Agency Address:	1005 Ave. F N.E
Agency City:	Childress	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	79201		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Danny
Director Middle Name:	D		
Director Last Name:	Gillem		
Reporter Name:	Danny Gillem	Reporter Email:	sheriff@childresstx.us

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Rodney

Middle Name: Paul

Last Name: Guerra

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 9/4/1972 Sex: Male

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 49

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 1/22/2022 8:45 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 4/8/2022 4:28 AM

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 are available

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

Manner of Death: Natural

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Unknown at this time waiting on autopsy report.

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?:	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?:	Pre-existing medical condition

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

Means of Death:	Not applicable, cause of death was illness/natural cause

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address:	1005 AVENUE F NE	City:	CHILDRESS
County:	Childress	Zip:	79201

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

Location Category:	Law Enforcement Facility

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

Type of Custody:	County Jail

Specific type of custody/facility:

Specific Type of Custody/Facility:

Jail - multiple occupancy 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:	1/22/2022 8:45 PM

Where did the death occur?

Death Location:	Elsewhere, specify

Death Location Elsewhere:

In D-pod, D-2 cell

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:

Tampering with evidence

Offense 2:

DWI 3rd or more

Offense 3:

Possession Of Controlled Substance PG 1 <1g

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):	No	Make suicidal statements?:	No
Exhibit any mental health problems?:	No	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?:	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:

On April 8, 2022 at approximately 0430, I, Sheriff Danny Gillem, was notified of an in-custody death. I arrived at approximately 0443 along with Captain Gregorio Garcia. We both went back to D-pod, specifically, D-2. The inmate (Guerra, Rodney Paul), H/M with date of birth of 9-4-1972 was in the seated position on his bunk slumped forward. He had foam coming from his mouth. During intake, the inmate stated he had a medical history of hepatitis and a history of seizures. The inmate had just started an antibiotic (Amox/K Clav 875-125 mg) due to a boil to his groin. The Justice of the Peace, Randy Rister, pronounced the death at 0428. During this time, I contacted Ranger William "Jack" Gillentine who will be conducting the investigation. At 0536, I contacted Jason Jouett of TCJS and left a message requesting a return call. Jason called me back at 0702. At that time, Jason advised me to send this email and Wendy Wisniski would be my contact person from TCJS.