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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number: 22-812-C

Version Type: AMENDED

Report Date: 1/26/2023 8:16 AM

Status: Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name: Weslaco Police
Dept.

Agency Address: 901 N. Airport Dr.

Agency City: Weslaco

Agency State: TX

Agency Zip: 78596

Director Information

Director Salutation: Chief

Director First Name: Joel

Director Middle Name:

Director Last Name: Rivera

Reporter Name: Jennifer Vilches

Reporter Email: jennifer.vilches@weslacotx.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: De Los Santos

Middle Name:

Last Name: Louie

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 7/13/1993

Sex: Male

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 28

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

Date/Time of Custody or
Incident: 6/14/2022 3:20 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 6/14/2022 4:35 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: Accidental

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Cocaine Psychosis/ Excited Delirium

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

Medical Treatment: Yes

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: 2300 N.
International (FM
1015)

County: Hidalgo

City: Weslaco

Zip: 78599

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 during/fleeing 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: 6/14/2022 3:20 AM

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?: 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:

Public Intoxication

Offense 2:

Resisting Arrest

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; Other, specify

Type of Offense, Other:

Call of Service, asking for police assistance.

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?: Unknown

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?: Unknown

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?:	Yes
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:	Yes
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 June 14, 2022, at about 3:05am Officers were dispatched to Sugarcane and International Blvd (FM 1015) due to a 911 call where a male subject was asking for assistance.

First responding officer located a male subject at the 2300 N. International who was sweating profusely and was showing signs of intoxication, possible excited delirium. The male was identified and also was identified as the person who called. One supervisor and officer arrived at the scene to assist. The Officers allowed the male to contact someone to pick him up but he became uncooperative when he was asked if someone would be picking him up. The male also began walking toward the street and away from the officers. The decision was made to detain the male due to his level of intoxication. As they attempted to take him into custody, he ran away. The Officers pursued and as he was running fell into a runoff ditch in the area. The Officers then caught up with Mr. De Los Santos and attempted to place him in handcuffs, but he continued to resist. A drive stun to the male to attempt and have him comply. Officers also noticed that the male sustained a laceration on his forehead from the fall. Three other Officers also arrived at the scene to assist. While attempting to restraining him Officers also provided first aid by applying pressure to the laceration. The Officers were then able to control the male and called EMS.

EMS arrived at the scene to provide care and transported the male to the hospital. The male was pronounced dead at the Hospital.

The Hidalgo County Sheriff's Department was called to location to assist with the investigation. Video from nearby business were recovered and show the male falling on his own into the ditch surrounding the business prior to the struggle with the officers.

The initial autopsy report indicates the cause of death cocaine psychosis/ excited delirium with the manner of death accidental.

The final autopsy report indicated the cause of death was cardiorespiratory arrest while under the influence of drugs(Cocaine and Ethanol). The manner of death was accidental.