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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	22-1294-CJ	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	4/1/2023 12:17 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Bell County Sheriff's Dept.	Agency Address:	104 S. Main
Agency City:	Belton	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	76513		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Eddy
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Lange		
Reporter Name:	Shane Sowell	Reporter Email:	shane.sowell@bellcounty.texas.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Juan

Middle Name: Antonio

Last Name: Rodriguez

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 11/6/1982 Sex: Male

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 39

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 8/25/2022 9:04 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 9/5/2022 2:06 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:

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Findings of autopsy results:
1. Complication of perforated gastroduodenal ulcer:
a. Acute peritonitis.
b. Status-post partial gastroduodenectomy.
c. Medical history of peptic ulcer disease.
d. Medical record review:
i. Descendent found unresponsive in his solitary jail cell following a cardiac arrest on September 4, 2022.
ii. Transport to a local medical center with return of spontaneous circulation following prolonged resuscitative efforts.
iii. Abdominal imaging demonstration of large-volume pneumoperitoneum with mural thickening and edema involving stomach, small intestine, and proximal large intestine.
iv. Exploratory laparotomy with diagnosis of 3 cm perforated ulcer involving distal stomch/proximal duodenum with spillage of enteric contents.
v. Follow-up head imaging demonstrating anoxic brain imaging with pronouncement of death on September 5, 2022.

2. Postmortem toxicology findings non-contributory to death.

3. No evidence of traumatic injuries.

Conclusions: Based on the case history and autopsy findings, it is my opinion that Juan Antonio Rodriquez, a 39-year-old Hispanic male, died as a result of complications of perforated gastroduodenal ulcer in the setting of peptic ulcer disease.

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Medical Examiner

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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?:	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:	1201 Huey Dr.	City:	Belton
County:	Bell	Zip:	76513

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:
Hospital/Infirmary

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:	8/25/2022 9:04 PM

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:

HSC481.115(d) POSS CS PG 1/1-B >=4G<200G

Offense 2:

HSC481.115(d) POSS CS PG 1/1-B.=4G,200G

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):	Unknown	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:

On September 4, 2022 at approximately 1855 hrs inmate Juan Antonio Rodriguez (h/m, dob: 11/06/1982) was found in his infirmary cell MW5 face down and unresponsive. CPR was initiated by medical and jail staff immediately, and Emergency Management Services was called. Once EMS arrived they took over life saving measure and advised they had a pulse. Inmate Rodriguez was transported to Baylor Scott and White Hospital where he would be provided medical care. Inmate Rodriguez was pronounced deceased on September 5, 2022 at 0206 hrs. Justice of the Peace Keith Reed ordered an autopsy and the body was turned over to Central Texas Mortuary.

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