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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	22-1752-MJ	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	2/21/2023 2:54 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Brownsville Police Dept.	Agency Address:	600 E. Jackson
Agency City:	Brownsville	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	78520		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Chief	Director First Name:	Felix
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Sauceda Jr.		
Reporter Name:	Fernando Flores	Reporter Email:	fernando.flores@brownsvilletx.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Edgar

Middle Name: Alejandro

Last Name: Hernandez

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 8/23/1994 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: 11/28/2022 9:43 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 11/29/2022 2:48 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:

Acute Combined Cocaine and Fentanyl Toxicity

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:	600 E. Jackson St.	City:	Brownsville
County:	Cameron	Zip:	78520

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:	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:	11/28/2022 9:53 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:

Public Intoxication

Offense 2:

Resisting Arrest (not filed)

Offense 3:

Possession of Drug Paraphernalia (not filed)

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?:	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):	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 November 29, 2022, at approximately 2:35am, Brownsville Police Department City Jail Detention Officer Angel Fernandez discovered prisoner Edgar Alejandro Hernandez unresponsive inside Cell #105 of the Brownsville Police Department City Jail (600 E. Jackson St.). Upon his discovery, Detention Officer Fernandez requested the assistance of Brownsville Police Officer Lucio Cortinas, who was at the City Jail on an unrelated matter.

Detention Officer Fernandez and Officer Cortinas then entered Cell #105 to assist Mr. Hernandez. Officer Cortinas began chest compressions on Mr. Hernandez and requested EMS and a supervisor to the location via portable radio to police dispatch. At approximately 2:43am, Officer Adolfo Guerra relieved Officer Cortinas and continued chest compressions on Mr. Hernandez. EMS arrived at approximately 2:45am and assisted Mr. Hernandez. At approximately 2:47am, while EMS assisted Mr. Hernandez, EMS personnel discovered a piece of white toilet paper containing a small clear plastic bag with a white powdery substance inside of it on Mr. Hernandez’s person (EMS personnel left the object on Mr. Hernandez’s stomach area after the discovery). EMS pronounced Mr. Hernandez deceased at 2:48am.

The Brownsville Police Department Criminal Investigations Unit was notified of the custodial death and responded to the scene. Crime Scene Investigator Alejandro Navarro located and took custody of the item on Mr. Hernandez's stomach area that was discovered earlier by EMS personnel. The item was booked in as evidence. The Brownsville Police Department Criminal Investigations Unit is investigating the case.

An autopsy report is still pending to determine the medical cause of death.

Update: See Manner / Cause of Death for results of final Cameron County Forensic Pathology autopsy report.