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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number: 23-87-CJ

Version Type: AMENDED

Report Date: 1/31/2023 1:37 PM

Status: Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name: Cameron County
Sheriff's Dept.

Agency Address: 7300 Old Alice Rd

Agency City: Olmito

Agency State: TX

Agency Zip: 78575

Director Information

Director Salutation: Sheriff

Director First Name: Eric

Director Middle Name:

Director Last Name: Garza

Reporter Name: Juan Barron

Reporter Email: juan.barron@co.cameron.tx.us

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Johnny

Middle Name:

Last Name: Gutierrez

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 9/24/1983

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: 1/8/2023 4:45 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 1/27/2023 2:02 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: Suicide

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Asphyxia by hanging.

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

Medical Treatment: Not Applicable

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: Hanging, strangulation

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address: 954 E. Harrison

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: County 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: 1/8/2023 4:45 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?: 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:

Possession of Marijuana a Class B Misdemeanor

Offense 2:

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): No

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?: 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 Thursday January 26 2023, Inmate Johnny Gutierrez (39) hanged himself using a mattress cover while in custody at the Old County Jail (Single Cell). Inmate Johnny Gutierrez was transported immediately to the Valley Baptist Medical Center In Brownsville by EMS. Cameron County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigation Division contacted Texas Department of Public Safety (Ranger Division) and notified them of incident. Texas Rangers responded to the Old County Jail and processed the single cell where the male inmate was housed.

On Friday January 27, 2023, at approximately 1402 hours, Inmate Johnny Gutierrez died at the Valley Baptist Medical Center Brownsville TX.