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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number: 23-229-CJ

Version Type: AMENDED

Report Date: 10/2/2023 2:11 PM

Status: Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name: Tom Green County
Sheriff's Dept.

Agency Address: 222 W. Harris

Agency City: San Angelo

Agency State: TX

Agency Zip: 76903

Director Information

Director Salutation: Sheriff

Director First Name: John

Director Middle Name: N

Director Last Name: Hanna

Reporter Name: John Hanna

Reporter Email: nick.hanna@co.tom-green.tx.us

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Adriana

Middle Name: Marie

Last Name: Cruz

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 11/1/1989

Sex: Female

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 33

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 2/16/2023 10:40 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 2/20/2023 10:13 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: Alcohol/Drug Intoxication

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Anoxic encephalopathy with severe cerebral edema and ischemic changes. Clinical history of amphetamine ingestion while in custody with subsequent collapse.

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: Other, specify

Means of Death Other: The decedent consumed (ate) a controlled substance during the arrest process by the San Angelo Police Department.

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address: 400 Block of Main Street

City: San Angelo

County: Tom_Green

Zip: 76903

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

Location Category: Other, specify

Other Location Category:

Cruz consumed (ate) a quantity of controlled substance while detained in the back seat of a San Angelo Police Department, patrol car.

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: 2/16/2023 10:09 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:

Possession of a controlled substance PG1/1-B<1G

Offense 2:

Possession of Marijuana <2oz

Offense 3:

Possession/Delivery of drug paraphernalia

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?: 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 Thursday, February 16, 2023, at approximately 9:45 PM, Adriana Cruz was detained during a traffic stop conducted by San Angelo Police Officer Pedro Rodriguez. During the traffic stop, Cruz was found to be in possession of a controlled substance, marijuana, and drug paraphernalia. She was taken into custody and secured inside a San Angelo Police Department patrol vehicle. Unknown to the officer, while inside the vehicle, Cruz ingested (by eating) an amount of controlled substance in an apparent attempt to avoid the detection of further narcotics. Initially, the ingestion of the controlled substance remained undetected by the arresting officer who transported Cruz to the Tom Green County Detention Center in the normal course of an arrest.

Adriana Cruz was booked into the Tom Green County Detention Center at approximately 10:40 PM on February 16, 2023. At approximately 1:07 AM on February 17, 2023, while completing 30-minute cell checks, Corrections Officer Branda Arispe noticed Cruz lying on the cell floor of Detox Cell #3 and further noticed Cruz did not appear to be moving. At 1:08 AM, Officer Arispe entered the cell to check on the physical

condition of Cruz and was unable to get a response. Officer Arispe summoned additional officers and medical personnel including Registered Nurse (RN) Stacey Marshall. At 1:10 AM, RN Marshall determined Cruz did not have a pulse and began chest compressions which continued until EMS arrived at 1:22 AM and took over life-saving measures. After the introduction of epinephrine and Narcan, medical personnel were able to regain a pulse. Cruz was taken from the Tom Green County Detention Center via EMS at 1:33 AM to the emergency room at Shannon Hospital. Cruz was admitted into the Intensive Care Unit where she remained under treatment. Cruz was declared brain dead at 10:13 AM on Monday, February 20, 2023.

The in-custody death was investigated by Texas Ranger Joel Callaway. The Ranger file number for the investigation is 2023I-TRE-50104906.

Final autopsy results indicate the cause of death to be Anoxic Encephalopathy.