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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	23-477-UF	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	2/29/2024 12:31 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Bastrop County Sheriff's Dept.	Agency Address:	200 Jackson Street
Agency City:	Bastrop	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	78602		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Maaurice
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Cook		
Reporter Name:	Ashley Carter	Reporter Email:	ashley.carter@co.bastrop.tx.us

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Rolando

Middle Name: Rodriguez

Last Name: Cuellar

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 12/14/1980 Sex: Male

Race: American Indian or Alaska Native

Age At Time Of Death: 42

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 4/24/2023 1:59 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 4/24/2023 4:45 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 are available

What was the manner of death? (select only one)

Manner of Death: Homicide (includes Justifiable

Homicide)

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Cardiac arrest in the setting of cocaine and ethanol use, cardiomegaly, and physiologic stress associated with restraint.

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?: Unknown whether decedent sustained a fatal injury

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?: Could not be determined

If death was an accident, homicide or suicide, what was the means of death?

Means of Death: Unknown

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address:	180 Stony Mont Drive	City:	Del Valle
County:	Bastrop	Zip:	78617

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

Location Category: Residence/Home

What type of custody/facility was the Decedent in at the time of death:

Type of Custody: Pre-Custodial Use of Force

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: 4/24/2023 1:59 PM

Where did the death occur?

Death Location: Scene of incident

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:

Nature of call unknown-check welfare of individual

Offense 2:

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: Other, specify

Type of Offense, Other:

Nature unknown

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?: Yes (select all that apply)

Ways Decedent Attempted To Injure Others: Attempted to injure law enforcement personnel

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?:	Yes	Exhibit any medical problems?:	Unknown

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):	Yes	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:	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 April 24, 2023 Bastrop County Communications received a 911 call from a female stating there was a man outside of her residence yelling, screaming, and banging on the doors and walls. Before Bastrop County Deputies could make scene, the caller reported that the male subject had moved to the back yard of the home neighboring hers and was now rolling around on the ground. A Bastrop County Deputy and a Travis County Deputy arrived on scene, located the male subject and shortly after detained him due to his erratic behavior for the safety of all involved parties. Once detained the male subject was transitioned to a seated position by responding Deputies. The detained subject became unresponsive, hand cuffs were removed by Deputies and cardiopulmonary resuscitation(CPR) was performed until the arrival of medical first responders. After exhausting all life saving tactics, the male was pronounced dead on scene.

On September 25, 2023 the Bastrop County Sheriff's Office received the final autopsy report from Hill Country Forensics LLC, Case number 23-00226, generated by pathologist Katherine Callahan, M.D. The report findings indicate the following; CAUSE OF DEATH: Cardiac arrest in the setting of cocaine and ethanol use, cardiomegaly, and physiologic stress associated with restraint. MANNER OF DEATH: homicide.

On November 9, 2023, this case was presented to the Bastrop County Grand Jury by Texas Ranger Brent Barina. The grand jury issued a no bill for the charge of homicide on this date.

Bastrop County Sheriff's Office,
Investigator A. Carter #1387