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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number: 23-837-CJ

Version Type: AMENDED

Report Date: 1/8/2024 1:34 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: Roger Looka

Reporter Email: roger.looka@co.tom-green.tx.us

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Leo

Middle Name: Lee

Last Name: Gonzales

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 10/31/1943

Sex: Male

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 79

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

Date/Time of Custody or
Incident: 6/8/2023 10:09 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 6/30/2023 8:35 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: Accidental

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Complications of blunt force injuries of the head received in a fall. Bilateral subdural and subarachnoid hemorrhages. Nondisplaced fracture of occipital bone.

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?: Deceased developed condition after admission

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

Means of Death: Other, specify

Means of Death Other: Injuries to the head sustained in a fall.

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address: 4382 N. US Hwy.
277

City: San Angelo

County: Tom_Green

Zip: 76905

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: 6/8/2023 10:09 AM

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:

Sexual Performance by Child <14 Years

Offense 2:

Offense 3:

Were the Charges:: Convicted

What were the types of charges or reason for contact? (Hold CTRL to select all that apply)

Type of Offense: Crimes Against
Child(ren)

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?: 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

Resist being handcuffed or

standoff?:	No	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 June 24, 2023 at approximately 4:22 PM, inmate Leo Gonzales fell in the shower area of his single man cell. Corrections officers responded and assisted in removing Gonzales from his cell and transported him to the jail medical unit for evaluation. Gonzales had a large knot to the back of his head with a small abrasion. Redness was noted, with no active bleeding. After being evaluated by medical staff the decision was made to transport Gonzales to Shannon Medical Center in San Angelo. Gonzales was admitted into the hospital for observation and to attempt to reduce the swelling. On June 28, 2023, Gonzales was moved from ICU to a regular hospital room and medical staff advised that he would possibly be released the following day. On June 29, 2023, Gonzales' health deteriorated and additional tests indicated small cell carcinoma of the lung and metastatic to the liver and bone. On June 30, 2023 the family of Gonzales declined any life saving measures and Gonzales was referred to in-patient hospice for end-of-life care. Gonzales passed away on June 30, 2023 at 10:35 PM.

A postmortem examination was performed at South Plains Forensic Pathology and the results are available. Manner of death has been ruled accidental. Cause of death has been ruled as complications of blunt force injuries of the head. The in-custody death has been investigated by Texas Ranger Terry Eaton. The case was presented to a Grand Jury in Tom Green County and the Grand Jury took no action.