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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

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Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Brazoria County Sheriff's Office	Agency Address:	3602 County Road 45
Agency City:	Angleton	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	77515		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Leonard
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Stallman		
Reporter Name:	Clinton Lobpries	Reporter Email:	clintl@brazoriacountytx.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Aurthur

Middle Name: Angel

Last Name: Bautista

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 5/10/1988 Sex: Male

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 36

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 7/21/2024 12:54 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 7/21/2024 12:54 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:

Mixed Drug Toxicity (fentanyl, olanzapine, sertraline)

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?: Other detainee(s)

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:	3602 County Road 45	City:	Angleton
County:	Brazoria	Zip:	77515

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 - holding 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:	3/25/2024 12:00 PM

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?: 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 a controlled substance

Offense 2:

Offense 3:

Were the Charges:: A probation/parole violation

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?: 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?:	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:

INVESTIGATION: On 07-21-24 I was assigned as the Investigator on call for the south area of the Brazoria County. I received a call out in reference to a jail incident where inmate was found unresponsive in his cell. I learned inmate was transported to Angleton UTMB with CPR in progress. While I was enroute to county jail, I was contacted by Brazoria County Sheriff`s Jail Captain Williams who informed me that inmate had passed away at the hospital. I then re directed to UTMB Angleton where I was escorted to room ten where I met with Texas Ranger Arizmendi and we were later joined by ID Inv. Minshew. I then identified inmate as Aurthur Angel Bautista HM 05/10/1988 (decedent) from his arm band. I observed decedent to be laying on gurney, and I did not observed any outward trauma to decedents body. I observed decedent`s right eye ball to have redness but decedent`s left eye ball was clear of any redness. I then spoke to Deputy Graves who escorted decedent to the hospital due to decedent was in custody. Deputy Graves informed me, that Deputy Carrillo had found the decedent on his bunk with his hands above his head unresponsive. I then met with Justice of the Peace Merkel who held his inquest and sent decedent to the Galveston County Medical Examiner`s Office. I learned from Judge Merkel he was contacting Price transport to take the decedent to Galveston County Medical Examiner`s Office. Once Price transport arrived and decedent was prepared for transport, decedent was removed from room ten. I then departed UTMB Angleton and headed over to Brazoria County Sheriff`s Jail. Upon arrival I, Ranger Arizmendi and ID Inv. Minshew were escorted to C1B location of the incident. I learned from Lt. Smith during the emergency all inmates housed in C1B had been moved out during the emergency and C1B was secured pending my arrival. I learned from Lt. Smith that a search was started after decedent was removed from the cell but the search was stopped at the request of Captain Williams. I further learned from Lt. Smith that deputies did locate two white in color pills on decedent`s bunk which was later found to be Buspirone which decedent was prescribed. I then learned from Lt. Smith that inmate Nichols Wood had mentioned that decedent had taken fake Percocet. I and Ranger Arizmendi interviewed inmate Nichols Wood who stated that inmate Wilson had just been moved into their cell and inmate Wilson was saying something to decedent and both inmate Wilson and decedent walked off. Inmate Nichols Wood observed the decedent give inmate Wilson some commissary and then inmate Wilson went behind the shower wall where inmate Nichols Wood could not see inmate Wilson. Inmate Nichols Wood stated he observed inmate Wilson give decedent something and then decedent ingested something because Nichols Wood observed the decedent to lean his head back, bringing both his hands to his mouth and appear to place something in his mouth and then swallow. I learned from Nichols Wood that decedent then walked

back to the table where they had been playing cards and the decedent asked "what does a Percocet do". Nichols Wood stated he advised the decedent that "it calms you down, puts you to sleep". Nichols Wood advised me that he did not know "if it was a pressed pill with fentanyl or the real thing." I then learned decedent then walked towards his bunk but fell and was helped into his bunk by other inmates. Nichols Wood further stated that when all inmates were put into the multi-purpose room, Wilson was still in possession of two Percocet. I learned from Nichols Wood that inmate Wilson ingested the two Percocet`s because Wilson stated this to him.

I and Ranger Arizmendi then interviewed inmate Duane Parker who stated at 10:00 o`clock was going to bed and that he does not hang around with the other inmates because they are a bunch of idiots. Inmate Parker advised he was trying to go to sleep and that the other inmates start going from 10 to 6 in the morning. Inmate Parker advised new kid came in put his stuff down and the young kid walks over to Bautista. Inmate Parker goes on to state he thinks the young kid brought something from the streets, but inmate Parker then advised me and Ranger Arizmindi that he believes this what could`ve happened that the kid sold it to that guy he ate it and died. Inmate then advised us that new inmate kept saying "I got something, I got something". Inmate Parker then advised that the kid showed that he had $70 dollars and then walked over to Bautista who gave him a soup and he went to the back cooked his soup. Inmate Parker advised he covered up and by the time he got up inmates were picking Bautista up and putting him in his bunk. When inmate Parker was asked if he had seen anything transpire between decedent and the new kid, Parker advised "no". During the interview inmate Parker advised that Bautista had gain a lot of pounds so he did not know if he had a heart attack or somebody gave him fentanyl and he died really quick. Inmate Parker then stated "I got something I got something". Inmate Parker advised if any body would say the truth would be Wood due to them being cellies. Again inmate Parker advised that kid brought something in. See Attached Video

I and Ranger Arizmendi then interviewed Landis Wilson who stated he had just entered the tank and asked if anybody had any food, he received a soup from a white male and a bag of chips from a Mexican male. Wilson advised he was in the tank for 20 minutes and then the incident happened. Wilson advised decedent was not foaming at the mouth, and decedent was just like asleep. I learned from Wilson he was arrested for a probation violation by LJPD. When asked what charge he was on probation, we learned it was for drug possession (acid). I then asked Wilson when he received the soup and chips, what did he give the individuals in trade. Wilson advised nothing, he told them he would order them something off the POS. Inmate Wilson then went on to advise us, that he was stripped butt naked in LJ, got stripped searched here and also got pat searched prior to leaving LJ. Inmate Wilson then advised us there is no way he would have something on him. Inmate Wilson advised everyone in the tank helped to pick up decedent.

Upon completing the interviews, I then departed the Sheriff`s Office and drove to 416 Washington street League City in order to make death notification. Upon arrival I found a mailbox with the 416 address but no house. I then drove to 401 Houston Ave. League City and again found the address to be bad also. I then called the phone number from the emergency contact information on decedent`s arrest sheet. I received voicemail message was left to contact Brazoria County Sheriff`s Office. I then returned to Sheriff`s Office where I continued to call the emergency contact number several times without success. I then located emergency contact name Prescilla Bautista driver`s license which still showed the 416 address. I then called the emergency contact on Ms. Bautista`s drivers license but phone rang three times but then just hung on me. I was not able to make notification on this date.