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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number: 24-1530-CJ

Version Type: ORIGINAL
VERSION

Report Date: 11/13/2024 9:38
AM

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: Manuel

Middle Name: Morin

Last Name: Garza

Suffix: Jr.

Date of Birth: 6/21/1959

Sex: Male

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 65

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 10/14/2024 4:17 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 10/16/2024 6:44 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 pending

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

Manner of Death: Natural

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Mr. Garza died as a result of cardiac arrest at Shannon Medical Center. Autopsy results are pending. Cause of death determination is pending toxicology results.

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?: Not applicable

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; Unknown

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?: Pre-existing medical condition

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

Means of Death: Not applicable, cause of death was illness/natural cause

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address: 4382 N. US Hwy.
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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: 10/14/2024 4:17
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:

Criminal Trespass (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: Other, specify

Type of Offense, Other:

Criminal Trespass

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?: Yes

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:

Mr. Garza was booked into the Tom Green County Detention Center at 4:17 PM on 10-14-2024 for Class B misdemeanor Criminal Trespass. He had been seeking medical assistance at Shannon Medical Center in San Angelo where he was reporting chest pain. Mr. Garza left the Shannon Medical Center against medical advice. He was subsequently arrested by the San Angelo Police Department for Criminal Trespass after failing to leave the premises of the hospital. On 10-15-2024 at approximately 5:01 PM, Mr. Garza was being held in a holding cell in the booking area of the Tom Green County Detention Center. During regular cell checks, a correctional officer Mr. Garza lying on his back on the floor of the cell. The officer entered the cell to check on the well-being of Mr. Garza and found him to be non-responsive. The officer called for medical staff to assist and proceeded to administer CPR. Emergency personnel arrived on scene and after further life saving measures, were able to obtain a pulse. Mr. Garza was transported via ambulance to Shannon Medical Center hospital. At 6:44 AM on 10-16-2024 Mr. Garza passed away after experiencing another cardiac arrest. An autopsy was conducted by Texas Panhandle Forensics in Lubbock, Texas on 10-18-2024. Autopsy results are pending. Cause of Death determination is pending toxicology results.