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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number: 25-555-PF

Version Type: AMENDED

Report Date: 7/22/2025 2:29 PM

Status: Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name: Houston Police
Dept.

Agency Address: 1200 Travis, 16th
Floor

Agency City: Houston

Agency State: TX

Agency Zip: 77002

Director Information

Director Salutation: Chief

Director First Name: J. Noe

Director Middle Name:

Director Last Name: Diaz

Reporter Name: Angeline Grimes

Reporter Email: angeline.grimes@houstonpolice.org

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Veronica

Middle Name: Jeanne

Last Name: Lozano

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 1/29/1969

Sex: Female

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 56

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

Date/Time of Custody or
Incident: 7/2/2025 5:28 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 7/2/2025 7:49 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:

Acute Methamphetamine Toxicity

Had the decedent been receiving treatment for the medical condition that caused the death after admission to your jail's jurisdiction?

Medical Treatment: Not Applicable

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?: Could not be determined

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: 500 Aldine Mail
Route Road

City: Houston

County: Harris

Zip: 77037

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

Location Category: Parking lot/garage

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

Type of Custody: Private Facility

Specific type of custody/facility:

Specific Type of Custody/Facility:

Custody of Law Enforcement Personnel subsequent to 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:

Entry Date Time N/A: ☒

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?: 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 Controlled Substance

Offense 2:

Tampering with Physical Evidence

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: 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?: Unknown

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: 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:

Houston Police Department (HPD) officers assigned to the Traffic Interdiction Unit were assisting undercover DEA agents with surveillance at a residence of interest. During the operation, HPD officers conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle that had just left the location. The male driver was detained and claimed that his female passenger, Mr. Lozano, was also in possession of narcotics.

Ms. Lozano (deceased) was handcuffed with her hands in front of her and placed in the back of the HPD patrol vehicle at approximately 05:28 PM. Initially, she denied having any drugs, but later admitted that she did have drugs on her. She was informed that she could potentially go to jail if she were found in possession of narcotics. A female HPD officer arrived on the scene and searched Ms. Lozano but found no narcotics on her. The male driver was arrested on drug-related charges. Ms. Lozano requested a courtesy ride to work, which the HPD officers provided. During the ride, she expressed a desire to speak with the DEA agents. The DEA agents met with Ms. Lozano and spoke with her inside their vehicle. While speaking with her, she began showing signs of a medical emergency. The DEA agents notified HPD officers and asked that they request EMS. Harris County Emergency Corps responded and transported Ms. Lozano to a local hospital, where she was later pronounced deceased at 7:49pm.

Sevela hours after Ms. Lozano was pronounced deceased, the dash cam footage from the backseat of the HPD patrol vehicle was reviewed. It revealed that Ms. Lozano had taken advantage of being alone and unattended in the vehicle. At approximately 5:32 pm, she was seen removing a packaged item from her shorts, opening the package with her mouth, and then chewing and swallowing its contents. The Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences completed the autopsy and determined the Manner of Death to be Accidental and the Cause of Death due to Acute Methamphetamine Toxicity.

