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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number: 18-384-UF

Version Type: ORIGINAL
VERSION

Report Date: 5/18/2018 3:13 PM

Status: Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name: San Angelo Police
Dept.

Agency Address: 401 E. Beauregard

Agency City: San Angelo

Agency State: TX

Agency Zip: 76903

Director Information

Director Salutation: Chief

Director First Name: Frank

Director Middle Name:

Director Last Name: Carter

Reporter Name: Frank Carter

Reporter Email: frank.carter@sanangelopolice.org

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Gaiden

Middle Name:

Last Name: Crelia

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 11/9/1997

Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 20

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

Date/Time of Custody or
Incident: 4/20/2018 7:01 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 4/20/2018 7:05 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:

Blunt force trauma to the head consistent with involvement in auto crash.

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 civilian(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?: Vehicle-involved death

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: Vehicle accident

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address: 400 west Concho

City: San Angelo

County: Tom_Green

Zip: 76903

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

Location Category: Roadway/highway/street/sidewalk

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:

Entry Date Time N/A: ☒

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:

Possession of a controlled substance

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: 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:

On April 20th 2018 at approximately 1850 hrs. Officers were conducting Narcotics/Crime suppression operations at the Econo Lodge Motel at 405 West beauregard. Officers in the area were conducting undercover surveillance in the Motel Parking lot and observed what they believed to be a narcotics transaction take place. During the transaction officers observed a male subject in a red hoodie approach a silver colored, 4 door, Dodge pickup. Officers reported observing this subject make a hand to hand trade while standing outside the vehicle. After a few minutes the subject then entered the vehicle via the back driver side door. A few minutes later the truck began leaving the parking lot with the subject still in the truck. The surveillance unit then radioed patrol units in the area gave the description of the vehicle. The patrol officers observed the truck leaving the parking lot and verified that the vehicle registration of the truck was expired 3/18. (TX LP#BNG-2058). The patrol unit then initiated a traffic stop on the truck shortly after it exited the parking lot and entered the roadway. The officer turned on the overhead emergency lights of his police vehicle. The driver of the truck, Daniel Diaz, immediately evaded the patrol vehicle by speeding up and refusing to yield to the police vehicle. The patrol officer then initiated his vehicle siren and called out to other units that he was now involved in a vehicle pursuit. Diaz evaded police driving between 30-40 mph through residential streets before heading east on Beauregard into the downtown area. Patrol units continued to pursue the truck as it moved two blocks south onto W. Concho. Diaz drove his vehicle eastbound on W. Concho and into the intersection of W. Concho and S. Abe. Diaz disregarded the red light at that intersection which resulted in a vehicle heading south of S. Abe colliding into the driver side of the truck. The collision ended the pursuit immediately. Gaiden Crelia was a passenger in the back seat on the driver side and was killed during the crash. Three other passengers in the truck which included the driver received only minor injuries.