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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	18-1240-MJ	Version Type:	ORIGINAL VERSION
Report Date:	12/10/2018 12:49 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Galena Park Police Dept.	Agency Address:	2207 Clinton Dr
Agency City:	Galena Park	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	77547		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Chief	Director First Name:	James
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Knox		
Reporter Name:	James Knox	Reporter Email:	jknox@cityofgalenapark-tx.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Hector

Middle Name:

Last Name: Salas

Suffix: Jr.

Date of Birth: 2/10/1987 Sex: Male

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 31

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 11/29/2018 7:00 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 11/30/2018 12:00 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: Suicide

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Suicide by hanging (pending final autopsy results)

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?:	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:	Hanging, strangulation

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address:	2207 Clinton Drive	City:	Galena Park
County:	Harris	Zip:	77547

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:	Municipal Jail

Specific type of custody/facility:

Specific Type of Custody/Facility:
Jail - multiple occupancy 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:	11/29/2018 7:00 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:

Assault - Family Violence

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: Violent Crime Against Persons

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?: Yes

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:

Decedent was only person in jail cell at the time of the incident. Decedent was able to tear a jail mattress fabric apart in to thin strips to create a knot which he put around his neck. Decedent tied one end of the fabric strip to the jail cell door and placed the knot end around his neck. Decedent unsuccessfully attempted suicide twice with the thin mattress fabric strips, but due to his weight the fabric strips broke. Decedent then reached in to jail toilet with hands and spread water on the floor on the jail cell. On Decedent's third suicide attempt he created and used a much thicker mattress fabric strip and tied it to the jail cell door and then placed the open knot end around his neck. The mattress fabric strip/knot that he put around his neck on the third attempt did not break which resulted in the suicide death of the decedent. The incident was captured on jail surveillance cameras. The Decedent's death was caused by self-directed injurious behavior with an intent to die as a result of the behavior. No other person entered or exited the jail cell during the incident.