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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number: 20-329-CJ

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Report Date: 6/2/2021 2:10 PM

Status: Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name: Maverick County
Sheriff's Dept.

Agency Address: 1051 Balboa Jones
Memorial Blvd.

Agency City: Eagle Pass

Agency State: TX

Agency Zip: 78852

Director Information

Director Salutation: Sheriff

Director First Name: Tom

Director Middle Name:

Director Last Name: Schmerber

Reporter Name: Roberto De Leon

Reporter Email: robert.deleon@co.maverick.tx.us

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Justin

Middle Name:

Last Name: Sirio

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 7/1/1989

Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 30

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

Date/Time of Custody or
Incident: 3/10/2020 7:00 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 3/12/2020 10:29
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: Suicide

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

He Hanged himself with a mattress cover from a vent in his vent jail cell. The Manner of death is suicide.

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

Medical Treatment: Yes

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: 1051 Balboa Jones
Memorial

City: Eagle Pass

County: Maverick

Zip: 78852

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 - 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: 3/10/2020 7:00 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?: 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:

continued sexual abuse of young child or children

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: Crimes Against
Child(ren)

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 Thursday March 12,2020 at approximately 2145 hrs. while conducting pill call, D/O Miguel Ortiz Entered cell 6 where he observed the first cell closest to the window had a blanket covering the door. Mr. Ortiz gave verbal orders for the inmate inhabiting said cell to remove the blanket covering the door. When the inmate did not respond, Mr. Ortiz proceeded to enter the cell and discovered a subject, later identified as Justin Sirio, who used a mattress cover to hang himself from the ventilation system located above the toilet in his cell. upon discovery of inmate Sirio, Mr. Ortiz immediately advised over the radio for back up. While waiting for assistance, D/O Ortiz lifted Mr. Sirio from his legs . Cpl. Jose Luis Morales, D/O Oscar Lechuga, Cpl. Valente Solis and D/O Aida Herrera responded and called over the radio to advise EMS. The Mattress cover was then cut down and the subject was placed on the floor where chest compression were quickly administered. The AED Machine was brought to the cell and Cpl. Morales Placed the AED pads on the subject. chest compressions were continued until EMS arrived at which point, they took over compression and administered life support measures. The subject was rushed to the ER at the Fort Duncan Regional medical Center where he was later pronounced deceased by Judge Smith. The Incident is being investigated by Texas Ranger Balderas.