CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

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Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name: TDCJ/Office of the Inspector General
Agency City: Huntsville
Agency Zip: 77320
Agency Address: 1012 Veterans Memorial Parkway
Agency State: TX

Director Information

Director Salutation: Director
Director First Name: Cris
Director Middle Name:
Director Last Name: Love

Reporter Name: Patricia "Tricia" Diaz
Reporter Email: patricia.diaz@tdcj.texas.gov

Decedent Information
Identity of Deceased

First Name: Silvino

Middle Name:

Last Name: Nunez

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 9/8/1993  Sex: Male

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 26

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 5/13/2016 12:00 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 4/13/2020 11:00 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 are available

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

Manner of Death: Homicide (includes Justifiable)
Medical Cause of Death: 

Medical Cause of Death: 

Strangulation

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 detainee(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?: Other Weapon, specify:

Other weapon, specify: 

Suspect's hands and feet

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: Other, specify

Means of Death Other: Pending autopsy
Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address: 9601 Spur 591  
City: Amarillo  
County: Potter  
Zip: 79107

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: Penitentiary

Specific type of custody/facility:

Specific Type of Custody/Facility: TDCJ, specify  
TDCJ - Specify Unit: William P. Clements

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: 11/2/2016 12:00 AM

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?: 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:
Aggravated assault family member

Offense 2:

Offense 3:

Were the Charges:: Convicted

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: Unknown

At any time during the incident and/or entry into the law enforcement facility, did the decedent:

Attempt to Injure Others?: Unknown
At any time during the incident and/or entry into the law enforcement facility, did the decedent:

- Appear intoxicated (alcohol or drugs): Unknown
- Exhibit any mental health problems?: Unknown
- Make suicidal statements?: Unknown
- Exhibit any medical problems?: Unknown

At any time during the incident and/or entry into the law enforcement facility, did the decedent:

- Barricade self or initiate standoff?: Unknown
- Physically attempt/assault officer(s): Unknown
- Resist being handcuffed or arrested?: Unknown
- Verbally threaten other(s) including law: Unknown
- Gain possession of officer’s weapon: Unknown
- Gain possession of officer’s weapon: Unknown
- Escape or attempt to escape/flee custody: Unknown

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 13, 2020, at around 10:55 PM Clements Unit Security Staff responded to 3 Building, A-pod, 72 cell when it was reported by the suspect that his cellmate has been dead for three days. The victim had visible injuries that he had been severely assaulted. There was signs of swelling, cuts, bruises, and dry blood on the victim's mouth, head, and facial area. Due to his condition upon discovery, life saving measures were not initiated. The body showed signs that were consistent with being lifeless for multiple days. 72 cell is a designated two offender cell. The victim and suspect are the only persons assigned to that cell.