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ATTORNEY GENERAL *of* TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number: 21-63-CJ

Version Type: ORIGINAL
VERSION

Report Date: 1/29/2021 1:01 PM

Status: Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name: Tom Green County
Sheriff's Dept.

Agency Address: 222 W. Harris

Agency City: San Angelo

Agency State: TX

Agency Zip: 76903

Director Information

Director Salutation: Sheriff

Director First Name: John

Director Middle Name: N

Director Last Name: Hanna

Reporter Name: John Hanna

Reporter Email: nick.hanna@co.tom-green.tx.us

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Celestino

Middle Name:

Last Name: Perez

Suffix: Jr.

Date of Birth: 1/1/1967

Sex: Male

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 54

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

Date/Time of Custody or
Incident: 1/2/2021 5:26 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 1/2/2021 6:15 PM

Manner / Cause of Death

Has a medical examiner or coroner conducted an evaluation to determine a cause of death?

Medical Examiner/Coroner Yes, results
Evaluation?: pending

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

Manner of Death: Natural

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Mr. Perez suffered from Liver Cirrhosis, Anasarca, Pulmonary edema, and Hypertensive cardiovascular disease.

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?: Not applicable

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?: Pre-existing medical condition

If death was an accident, homicide or suicide, what was the means of death?

Means of Death: Not applicable, cause of death was illness/natural cause

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address: 4382 North US
HWY 277

City: San Angelo

County: Tom_Green

Zip: 76905

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 - single 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: 10/17/2020 1:53
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:

Possession of Controlled Substance

Offense 2:

Unlawfully Carrying a Weapon

Offense 3:

Possession of Marijuana<2 oz.

Were the Charges:: Filed

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?: Yes

Exhibit any mental health problems?: No

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?:	Unknown	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 Saturday, January 02, 2021, at approximately 5:25 PM, Tom Green County Jail Officer Richard Villarreal was conducting jail checks when he became aware that Inmate Celestino Perez Jr. was not waking up for dinner. Officer Villarreal attempted to wake Inmate Perez but found Perez unresponsive. Officer Villarreal called for the medical staff to assist and at approximately 5:30 PM, Registered Nurse D.J. Thompson arrived at the cell and was unable to locate a pulse on Perez. At this time, R.N. Thompson began to administer CPR while the jail staff called 911 for an ambulance. At 5:47 PM, paramedics arrived and took over CPR. Despite the life-saving efforts of the medical personnel, Inmate Perez never regained consciousness and was pronounced deceased at 6:15 PM.

Inmate Perez has a significant history of medical difficulties and received substantial medical treatment while incarcerated in the Tom Green County Detention Facility. During the last period of incarceration, Inmate Perez was taken to Shannon Medical Center on five occasions for doctor visits and treatment of various medical complaints. His medical file within the Tom Green County Detention Center consists of 357 pages.

The Texas Rangers were summoned to the Tom Green County Detention Facility to conduct an in-custody death investigation. The body of Celestino Perez Jr. was ultimately transported to South Plains Forensic Pathology in Lubbock, Texas for autopsy.