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ATTORNEY GENERAL *of* TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number: 21-399-C

Version Type: AMENDED

Report Date: 9/8/2021 1:52 PM

Status: Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name: Kimble County
Sheriff's Dept.

Agency Address: 415 Pecan Street

Agency City: Junction

Agency State: TX

Agency Zip: 76849

Director Information

Director Salutation: Sheriff

Director First Name: Gary Allen

Director Middle Name:

Director Last Name: Castleberry

Reporter Name: Gary Allen
Castleberry

Reporter Email: allen.castleberry@co.kimble.tx.us

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Vinh

Middle Name: Tran

Last Name: Dinh

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 3/8/1981

Sex: Male

Race: Asian or Pacific
Islander

Age At Time Of Death: 40

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

Date/Time of Custody or
Incident: 3/11/2021 9:42 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 3/11/2021 11:21
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: Natural

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

received M.E. report Sept 7 2020. Cause of death: Cardiac disease & bronchial asthma complicated by acute methamphetamine intoxication and physical exertion

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?: 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: IH 10 450mp

City: Junction

County: Kimble

Zip: 76849

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

Location Category: Field/woods/lake/waterway/beach

What type of custody/facility was the Decedent in at the time of death:

Type of Custody: Police Custody
(pre-booking)

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: Elsewhere, specify

Death Location Elsewhere:

300 yards South of IH Mile post 450

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:

Fleeing with a motor vehicle

Offense 2:

Smuggling of a person

Offense 3:

Resisting arrest or transportation

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: Other, specify

Type of Offense, Other:

possession of a controlled substance 481.112(d)(a)

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?: Yes

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: Yes

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: Yes, mark which restraint devices were used

Type of restraint

Type of Restraint: Handcuffs

Summary of Incident

Summary of How the Death Occurred: (max. 30,000 characters)

Summary:

On March 11,2021 at about 9:20am, Kimble County Sheriffs Office assisted the Texas Department of Public Safety with a pursuit that led from Sutton County into Kimble County. DPS was pursuing a black Dodge

pickup. DPS deployed spike strips causing the black Dodge pickup to lose control and crashed through a fence hitting a tree. Kimble County Deputy Roland Moreno was first on scene and observed about 11 males exited the vehicle and ran into the brush. One male fell to the ground on his stomach with his arms and hands concealed under him. Deputy Moreno spoke in Spanish and in English and ordering the male to put his hand behind his back. The male would not comply. Deputy Moreno then applied pressure to the male's left bicep to free the arm. The male continued to resist and Deputy Moreno observed a knife in the males front right pocket. Concerned for the knife and possible other concealed weapons Deputy Moreno punched the male on the right side of the head with his right fist, The male still would not comply as Deputy Moreno ordered in both Spanish and English. Kimble County Deputy Billy Hull arrived and assisted Moreno. Deputy Hull held the male down with his foot on the male's back between the shoulder blades while Deputy Moreno pulled the male's right hand from underneath and secured cuffs, then secured the male's left hand in cuff's. The male resisted the whole time and would not comply with orders until he was secured in hand cuffs. Deputy Hull left to attempt to locate the other passengers that fled the black Dodge pickup. Deputy Moreno removed the knife from the male's pocket and walked the male toward the direction Deputy Hull headed. The male was sat down and given water. The male fell over and was not breathing; Deputy Moreno started CPR until EMS arrived the male was pronounced deceased. Texas Rangers were notified and are conducting an investigation. This report will be completed when the medical examiners report is received .