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ATTORNEY GENERAL *of* TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number: 20-1944-C

Version Type: AMENDED

Report Date: 7/20/2021 3:54 PM

Status: Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name: University of Texas
System Police

Agency Address: 210 West 7th Street

Agency City: Austin

Agency State: TX

Agency Zip: 78701

Director Information

Director Salutation: Director

Director First Name: Michael

Director Middle Name:

Director Last Name: Heidingsfield

Reporter Name: pAUL sHEPHERD

Reporter Email: pshepherd@utsystem.edu

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Ray

Middle Name: Adrian

Last Name: Lara

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 1/22/1984

Sex: Male

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 36

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

Date/Time of Custody or
Incident: 7/28/2020 3:38 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 7/28/2020 4:23 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
Homicide)

Medical Cause of Death:

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Based upon the report from the Medical Examiner received on 3/23/2021: Acute methamphetamine toxicity. Also based upon the medical examiner's report, other significant contributing condition: physiological stress associated with physical restraint.

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: Other, specify

Means of Death Other: Based upon the report received from the Medical Examiner on 03/23/2021: Acute methamphetamine toxicity. Also based upon the medical examiner's report, other significant

contributing
condition:
physiological stress
associated with
physical restraint.

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address: 3100 Block of North
Mesa Street

City: El Paso

County: El Paso

Zip: 79902

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

Location Category: Other, specify

Other Location Category:

The location of ingestion of methamphetamine is unknown. Detention occurred in parking lot.

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 subsequent to 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: Dead on arrival at
medical facility

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:

No criminal offense, subject was to be detained for detention for mental/physical mental health evaluation. Subject could have had charges filed for disorderly conduct (exposure of genitalia and alarm created in approaching initial complainant.)

Offense 2:

Offense 3:

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:

Adult female complainant initially reported that the decedent approached her vehicle claiming someone was attempting to kill him and began to disrobe. As the complainant drove away to avoid him, the subject, now nude, began to chase her vehicle.

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):	Yes	Make suicidal statements?:	No
Exhibit any mental health problems?:	Yes	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?:	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:	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: 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 July 28, 2020, at approximately 0333 hours, the University of Texas at El Paso Police Department Telecommunications section received a call for service from an adult female who reported that while operating her vehicle on a campus roadway, an unknown male subject approached her vehicle claiming someone was "trying to kill him." She reported to the Telecommunication staff that the subject had disrobed and was now naked, chasing her vehicle.

At approximately 0337 hours an officer observed a subject running southbound on Mesa from the intersection of Mesita Street and North Mesa Street. At approximately 0338 hours a uniformed officer observed the nude subject in the vicinity of a nearby grocery store. The officer reported this same subject had crossed North Mesa Street in a westerly direction into the parking lot located on the west side of the 3100 block of Mesa.

Upon the officer entering the parking lot while operating a marked police vehicle, the subject ran to the police vehicle, climbing up on the hood as the officer exited the patrol unit. As a second uniformed officer arrived, the subject complied with directions to move downwards from the vehicle.

The subject then refused to comply with the officer's directive to lay on the ground to be taken into custody. Subsequently, a "Taser" or less than lethal "Conducted Electrical Weapon" (CEW) was deployed and officers immediately requested emergency medical assistance to the scene at approximately 0340 hours.

Fire Department personnel arrived at the scene at 0347 hours. Approximately four (4) minutes later, the subject became non-responsive and no pulse was detected. Paramedics began CPR and at 0403 hours, transported the subject to University Medical Center where he was later pronounced deceased at 0423 AM.