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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	17-82-CJ	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	2/28/2017 9:43 AM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Orange County Sheriff's Dept.	Agency Address:	PO BOX 1468
Agency City:	Orange	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	77631		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Chief Deputy	Director First Name:	John
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Tarver		
Reporter Name:	Donald Harmon	Reporter Email:	dharmon@co.orange.tx.us

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Rosa

Middle Name: Demay

Last Name: Bonilla

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 6/23/1981 Sex: Female

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 35

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 2/24/2017 10:44 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 2/26/2017 12:29 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:

Hanging

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:	Hanging, strangulation

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address:	205 South Border Street	City:	Orange
County:	Orange	Zip:	77630

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 - holding 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:	2/24/2017 10:44 AM

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:

Possession of a Controlled Substance-Class A Misdemeanor

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: 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):	Unknown	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:

At approximately 10:44 a.m. on Friday, February 24, 2017, Rosa Demay Bonilla entered into the Orange County Correctional Facility escorted by a Detective with the Orange Police Department, arrested for the offense of Possession of a Controlled Substance-Misdemeanor A.

Mrs. Bonilla was booked into the facility and later placed in a holding cell awaiting classification and transfer to a general population cell.

On February 24, 2017 at approximately 8:21 p.m., a corrections officer spoke with Mrs. Bonilla while she remained housed in the female holding cell. Upon the officer's return at approximately 8:46 p.m., the officer discovered Mrs. Bonilla hanging from the neck in the cell . Mrs. Bonilla was the lone occupant of the cell and had tied a bed sheet to the conduit running down the wall to the inmate phone, placing the other end of the sheet around her neck. The officer called for assistance and correctional officers as well as the nurse on duty responded. Personnel entered the cell and officers raised the subject up relieving the pressure from the victim’s neck and the ligature was swiftly removed. Mrs. Bonilla was lowered to the floor to begin life saving measures. First responders and Ambulance Personnel were contacted and requested to report to the facility. Corrections staff continued CPR until the arrival of first responders with the City of Orange Fire Department and ambulance staff took over. Prior to Mrs. Bonilla's departure from the facility, a pulse was obtained. Mrs. Bonilla was escorted from the facility by a corrections officer and Acadian Ambulance staff to St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont, Texas. While in the emergency department of St. Elizabeth Hospital, Ms. Bonilla was successfully revived on at least two additional occasions as her heart quit beating. X-rays and CT scans were performed, a chest tube inserted and the inmate was placed on a ventilator to assist her breathing. Once stabilized, she was transferred to ICU for monitoring.

The correctional facility continued to receive updates in reference to Ms. Bonilla. On Sunday at 1:35 p.m, ICU Staff from St. Elizabeth Hospital advised that Ms. Bonilla was pronounced brain dead at 12:29 p.m.