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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

# CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

## Agency Information

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| CDR Number: | 18-449-CJ | Version Type: | ORIGINAL VERSION |
| Report Date: | 6/5/2018 3:40 PM | Status: | Submitted |

### Agency/Facility Information

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| Agency Name: | Starr County Sheriff's Dept. | Agency Address: | 102 East 6th Street |
| Agency City: | Rio Grande City | Agency State: | TX |
| Agency Zip: | 78582 | | |

### Director Information

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| Director Salutation: | Sheriff | Director First Name: | Rene |
| Director Middle Name: | | | |
| Director Last Name: | Fuentes | | |
| Reporter Name: | Lt. Brenda Perez | Reporter Email: | bperez@starrcountyso.org |

## Decedent Information

### Identity of Deceased

First Name: Marco

Middle Name: Antonio

Last Name: Munoz

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 12/2/1978 Sex: Male

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 39

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 5/12/2018 9:40 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 5/13/2018 10:17 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 pending

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

Manner of Death: Suicide

## Medical Cause of Death:

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Self 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?: 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?

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| Street Address: | 100 East 6th Street | City: | Rio Grnade City |
| County: | Starr | Zip: | 78582 |

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

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| Location Category: | Law Enforcement Facility |

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

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| Type of Custody: | County Jail |

## Specific type of custody/facility:

| Specific Type of Custody/Facility: |
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| 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):

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| Entry Date Time: | 5/12/2018 9:40 PM |

## Where did the death occur?

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| 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:

Illegal Entry

Offense 2:

Offense 3:

Were the Charges:: Filed

## 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:

US Border Patrol Arrest (Illegal Entry)

## 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?: Yes (select all that apply)

Ways Decedent Attempted To Injure Others: Injured law enforcement personnel

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

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| 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:

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

### Was the deceased under restraint in the time leading up to the death or the events causing the death?

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| Under Restraint: | No |

## Summary of Incident

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

Summary:

On Saturday May 12, 2018 at approximately 9:16pm United States Border Patrol arrived at the Starr County Jail located at 100 East 6th Street in Rio Grande City, Starr County, Texas. Border Patrol Agent Flores R#512 delivered to the Starr County Jail custody inmate Munoz, Marco Antonio 12/02/1978 for an overnight stay for a illegal entry. During the booking process Starr County Detention Officers Hector Lopez and Crecencio Galvan had an incident with inmate due to him being
combative and non-compliant. Officer Galvan proceeded to attempt to restrain inmate Munoz, in which a scuffle ensued. Inmate Munoz was removed from the booking area and placed in the padded cell at approximately 10:47pm during the night shift, inmate Munoz was checked every 30 minutes. The next day, Sunday May 13, 2018, during the morning shift (beginning at 8:00am}, Detention Officers Sammy Marroquin, Jose Galvan and Alex Garcia checked on inmate Munoz as well. After bringing inmates for weekend visitation, Office'rs Garcia and Marroquin proceeded to check on inmate Munoz. Upon
checking on inmate Munoz, Officers noticed that he was lying on the floor sideways motionless. Officers Garcia and Marroqiun proceeded to open the door and discovered inmate Munoz to be unresponsive. Officer Marroqiun proceeded to check for vitals, in which none were found. Officer
Garcia notified shift supervisor Evelario Garza of the situation.

Central Control immediately advised the Starr County Communications to contact Starr County Memorial Hospital EMS. Starr County Jail Command Staff was notified and EMS arrived at location. Starr County Paramedics determined that inmate Munoz had no vitals and was deceased. Starr County

Jail Command Staff Chief Jose R. Molina, Captain Juan R. Rodriguez and Lieutenant Brenda Perez reviewed padded cell camera and observed that inmate Munoz had taken off his sweater and used his sleeves to tie them around the steal grate on the floor used for the drain making a loop. Inmate
Munoz then placed his head in the loop causing the sweater to be wrapped around his neck. Inmate Munoz then began to turn his body in a clockwise motion several times, causing himself to impede his breathe and circulation until he could no longer do so. Starr County Patrol Sergeant Gerardo
Gonzalez arrived at location and took preliminary report. Texas Department of Public Safety Ranger Reed Rackety arrived at location and took over the
investigation.