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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	18-58-CJ	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	2/9/2018 9:50 AM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Winkler County Sheriff's Dept.	Agency Address:	Drawer 0
Agency City:	Kermit	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	79745		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Darin
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Mitchell		
Reporter Name:	Darin Mitchell	Reporter Email:	darin.mitchell@co.winkler.tx.us

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Valorin

Middle Name: Michele

Last Name: Rodriguez

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 2/14/1975 Sex: Female

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 42

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 2/5/2018 10:30 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 2/5/2018 11:50 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: Natural

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Bilateral Bronchopneumonia, Gastrointestinal hemorrhage due to Liver Cirrhosis

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?:	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:	1300 Bellaire St.	City:	Kermit
County:	Winkler	Zip:	79745

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 - multiple occupancy 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:	1/31/2018 10:56 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?:	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:

Serving a 10 day commitment/sentence for Driving While Intoxicated W/Child Under 15 YOA.

Offense 2:

Offense 3:

Were the Charges:: Convicted

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?:	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:

On 02/05/2018 at approx. 22:35 hrs, the control room received an intercom call from cell 250 (female tank) in reference to inmate Valorin Rodriguez being on the floor and refusing to shower. Supervisor Jailer Gallagher and Jailer Rodriguez responded to cell 250. Once arrived at the cell, inmate Yvette Natera informed the jailers that inmate Rodriguez had defecated all over herself and refused to shower. Supervisor Gallagher informed inmate Rodriguez that she was being moved to another cell due to her lack of sanitation and in order to keep a closer eye on her health. Supervisor Gallagher was gathering inmate Rodriguez's property and observed inmate Rodriguez begin to fall over. Gallagher caught inmate Rodriguez and laid her on the floor. Gallagher attempted to pick her up but inmate Rodriguez would not cooperate. Supervisor Gallagher and Jailer Rodriguez supported inmate Rodriguez and escorted her to cell 417. Gallagher attempted to get inmate Rodriguez to consume fluids but she refused. Jailer Rodriguez assisted inmate Rodriguez to the shower. Gallagher left the cell and went to the medical office to make contact with medical jailer Misti Everett and update her on inmate Rodriguez behavior and medical status. Gallagher returned to cell 417 and observed inmate Rodriguez unconscious in the shower, leaned upright against the shower wall with Jailer Rodriguez trying to wake inmate Rodriguez up. Gallagher observed inmate Rodriguez's breaths were short and shallow. Supervisor Gallagher and Jailer Rodriguez removed inmate Rodriguez from the shower. Gallagher used the pulse ox on inmate Rodriguez but failed to get a reading. Gallagher placed his apple watch on inmate Rodriguez's right wrist to attempt to get a heart rate but was unable to locate one. Gallagher administered a sternum rub but received no reaction from inmate Rodriguez. Gallagher called the jail nurse but no contact was made. Gallagher requested Jailer Villanueva to call EMS. Supervisor Gallagher and Jailer Rodriguez moved inmate Rodriguez to the center or the cell and Gallagher observed a dark brown liquid pour out of inmate Rodriguez's mouth and nose. EMS arrived, started CPR and transported inmate Rodriguez to the Winkler County Memorial Hospital. Inmate Rodriguez was pronounced dead at 2350 hrs.