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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	18-617-CJ	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	5/22/2019 3:04 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Webb County Sheriff's Office	Agency Address:	902 Victoria Street
Agency City:	Laredo	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	78040		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Martin
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Cuellar		
Reporter Name:	Ponce Treviño	Reporter Email:	ptrevino@webbcountytx.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Pedro

Middle Name:

Last Name: Serna

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 11/17/1973 Sex: Male

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 44

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 7/14/2018 3:30 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 7/14/2018 4:35 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:

This 44-year-old Hispanic male, Pedro Serna, died from complications of chronic alcoholism. Prior to his death, he was exhibiting symptoms of delirium tremens. The cirrhosis of the liver could be due in part or total to hepatitis C, certainly with the chronic alcoholism playing a role.

Had the decedent been receiving treatment for the medical condition that caused the death after admission to your jail's jurisdiction?

Medical Treatment:	Yes

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:	1001 Washingto Street	City:	Laredo
County:	Webb	Zip:	78041

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 - detox 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:	7/11/2018 10:40 PM

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:

Possession of Controlled Substance State Jail Felony

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: 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): Yes

Make suicidal statements?: No

Exhibit any mental health problems?: No

Exhibit any medical problems?: Yes

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

Barricade self or initiate

Resist being handcuffed or

standoff?:	No	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 Saturday July 14, 2018 at or about 3:30am, Officer was conducting observation of Inmate Pedro Serna. As Officer entered the cell to check on Inmate Serna he quickly realized that Inmate Serna had stopped snoring loudly, as he had been snoring during other checks earlier that morning and previous night. Officer walked up and physically applied pressure to Inmate Serna's chest to see if he would react by waking up. When Officer observed no movement during this action he quickly called for Medical Assistance. Medical arrived on scene and could not find a pulse on Inmate Serna so they quickly began CPR and applied AED to assist. Laredo Fire Department was called and arrived on scene. Once a pulse was noted by Laredo Fire Department they loaded and transported Inmate Serna to Laredo Medical Center (Hospital). Inmate Serna arrived at the hospital and emergency room personnel and physician took over and continued with CPR to try to increase Inmate Serna's pulse. Inmate Serna's pulse could not be maintained and at 4:35am Physician in Charge declared Inmate Serna deceased. Inmate Serna's body was turned over to the Webb County Medical Examiner's Office and the next of kin was notified.