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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	18-667-MJ	Version Type:	ORIGINAL VERSION
Report Date:	7/24/2018 11:15 AM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Rockdale Police Dept.	Agency Address:	PO BOX 586
Agency City:	Rockdale	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	76567		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Chief	Director First Name:	Thomas
Director Middle Name:	L		
Director Last Name:	Harris		
Reporter Name:	Lt. Stephen G. Goodrich III	Reporter Email:	sgoodrich@rockdalecityhall.com

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Renee

Middle Name: Erlinda

Last Name: Serna

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 10/8/1990 Sex: Female

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 27

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 6/28/2018 7:47 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 6/28/2018 5:45 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 pending

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

Manner of Death: Suicide

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Suicide

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?

Street Address:	140 W. Cameron Ave.	City:	Rockdale
County:	Milam	Zip:	76567

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:	Municipal Jail

Specific type of custody/facility:

Specific Type of Custody/Facility:

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):

Entry Date Time:	6/28/2018 8:15 AM

Where did the death occur?

Death Location:	Elsewhere, specify

Death Location Elsewhere:

Little River Hospital ER

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:

PC 38.02 (b) Fail to ID Give False Info

Offense 2:

PC 38.04 (b) Evading Arrest Detention

Offense 3:

PC 31.03 Theft Less Than $100

Were the Charges:: Filed

What were the types of charges or reason for contact? (Hold CTRL to select all that apply)

Type of Offense: Violent Crime Against Persons; Crime Against Property

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:	Yes
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 June 28th, 2018 Ofc. Cameron Remaley lawfulled arrested the said subject, Renee E. Serna. She was arrested the morning of the 28th at around 07:47AM under the name of Josephine Serna. She was charged with the offenses listed above and secured into a holding cell after booking, without incident.

Ofc. Remaley interviewed the said subject at 3:03PM in regards to her charges. The interview lasted approximately 10-15 minutes. She was secured back into her holding cell to await magistration with the City of Rockdale Magistrate.

At 4:12 PM a male prisoner in a neighboring cell spoke with the subject. At 4:22PM Ofc. Remaley went to bring the subject before the magistrate but found her unconscious with a black draw string around her neck. The draw string was attached to a top bunk. Ofc Remaley cut the draw string and Emergency Medical Personnel was contacted.

American Medical Response and the Rockdale Volunteer Fire Department responded-and began providing medical care. The victim was transported to the Little River Hospital Emergency Room and received care for almost an hour. She was pronounced deceased at 5:45PM by Justice of The Peace Precinct #3, Judge Andy Isaac. Autopsy was ordered.

The Rockdale Police Department is being assisted by Texas Ranger Gary Phillips with the investigation.

Case# 2018000446- Original case of arrest.

Case# 2018000448- Case Investigation for in custody death.