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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	18-928-CJ	Version Type:	ORIGINAL VERSION
Report Date:	9/26/2018 2:17 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Reeves County Sheriff's Dept.	Agency Address:	PO BOX 910
Agency City:	Pecos	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	79772		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Arturo
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Granado		
Reporter Name:	Ernesto E. Lazcano	Reporter Email:	Ernesto.lazcano@co.reeves.tx.us

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Rebecca

Middle Name: Ann

Last Name: Rhoden

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 10/7/1977 Sex: Female

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 40

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 9/13/2018 4:56 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 9/17/2018 1:52 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:

Asphyxia due to hanging

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:	500 S. Oak Street	City:	Pecos
County:	Reeves	Zip:	79772

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 - 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: 9/13/2018 5:50 PM

Where did the death occur?

Death Location: Dead on arrival at 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:

POCS PG 1 1>=1g<4g (Heroin) F3

Offense 2:

POCS PG 1 1>=1g<4g (Methamphetamine) F3

Offense 3:

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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?:	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 September 16, 2018 at 6:00pm Shift Supervisor Sgt. Kayla Hernandez, Jailer Roel Lechuga, Jailer Adylene Venegas, and Dispatcher Kimberly Dominguez began their shift at Reeves County Jail. Reeves County Jail utilizes Premises Scan System for cell checks programed for every 45minutes in accordance to Jail Standards. At about 11:22pm Sgt. Hernandez conducted a cell check and began securing doors for lockdown. At about 11:54pm Sgt. Hernandez began her next cell check in Female Tank 8 and provided the females in the cells their laundry. At about 1:11am on September 17, 2018 Sgt. Hernandez began to conduct another cell check in Female Tank 8 and found REBECCA ANN RHODEN W/F DOB 10/07/1977 hanging on the far wall adjacent to the door entrance. Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and Deputies were called for assistance. Sgt.
Hernandez and Jailer Lechuga unhooked RHODEN, and they began CPR Life Saving Measures. Patrol Sgt. Anthony Ramon, Deputy/Jailer Carrasco, Deputy Luis Godina, and Deputy Alonso Hernandez arrived on scene and assisted Jail Staff. EMS arrived shortly after, and they took over Life Saving Measurers on RHODEN. She was then placed in the ambulance and transported to the Reeves County Hospital where she was pronounced deceased by Dr. Cabrero at 1:52am. Texas Ranger Phillip Breeding with Company E Rangers out of Ward County investigated incident. The incident was captured on video and is available upon request.