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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

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Report Date:	1/27/2020 3:53 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	El Paso County Sheriff's Dept.	Agency Address:	3850 Justice Road
Agency City:	El Paso	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	79938		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sergeant	Director First Name:	John
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Greer		
Reporter Name:	James Belknap	Reporter Email:	jbelknap@epcounty.com

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Noel

Middle Name: Dominguez

Last Name: Torrez

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 8/28/1975 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: 11/24/2019 1:35 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 11/30/2019 6:34 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: Suicide

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

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?: Other Weapon,
specify:

Other weapon, specify:

Jail issue towel

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:	601 E. Overland St.	City:	El Paso, TX.
County:	El Paso	Zip:	79901

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:	11/24/2019 1:35 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:

Aggravated Assault W/ Deadly Wepon

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: Violent Crime Against Persons

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?: Yes

Exhibit any mental health problems?: No

Exhibit any medical problems?: N/A

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:

Narrative Torrez case # 2019-11757

On November 25, 2019 at 1108 hrs. The Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Major Crimes Unit was informed of an in custody death at the Downtown Detention facility located at 601 E. Overland St. El Paso, TX.

Upon our arrival we were informed that at about 1032 hours, inmate TORREZ Dominguez, Noel 44 years of age was found hanging from his bunkbed support rail. Torrez was being housed in cellblock 810 cell 2L, a general population cellblock with 4 cells and a total of 9 other inmates. There are 4 bunk beds to a cell, Torrez was housed with three other inmates.

While conducting interviews it was discovered that Torrez's other three cellmates were outside of the cell in the dayroom. One of the cellmate's told another cellmate "Hey look your cellmate". It was then that one cellmate entered the cell and observed Torrez laying on the floor with a towel tied around his neck at one end and the bunk support rail on the other end. The cellmate attempted to cut the towel with a razor, but was unable to cut through it, he then untied the knot with his teeth. The officers and medical staff were called through the intercom system they responded and started C.P.R.

At 1059 hours, Emergency Medical Services (E.M.S) Ambulance arrived on the floor and they began treatment. At 1114 hours, E.M.S. departed the Detention Facility with inmate Torrez en-route to a local area hospital. E.M.S arrived at Las Palmas Medical Center where he was treated and admitted to I.C.U. under life support. Inmate Torrez remained in the hospital under medical care and treatment.

On November 30th, 2019 at 1834 hours, inmate Torrez was pronounced dead by attending Physician