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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	19-542-C	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	1/6/2020 4:26 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Big Spring Police Dept.	Agency Address:	310 Nolan Street
Agency City:	Big Spring	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	79720		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Chief	Director First Name:	Chad
Director Middle Name:	P		
Director Last Name:	Williams		
Reporter Name:	Chad Williams	Reporter Email:	cwilliams@bigspringpd.net

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Michael

Middle Name: Mickey

Last Name: Hernandez

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 8/30/1976 Sex: Male

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: 5/25/2019 9:45 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 5/26/2019 3:00 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: Alcohol/Drug Intoxication

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Excited delirium due to Acute cocaine intoxication due to illegal drug use.

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

Medical Treatment: Not Applicable

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: Drug overdose

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address: 1800 blk Hamilton

City: Big Spring

County: Howard

Zip: 79720

What location category best describes where the event causing the death occurred?

Location Category: Roadway/highway/street/sidewalk

What type of custody/facility was the Decedent in at the time of death:

Type of Custody: Police Custody (pre-booking)

Specific type of custody/facility:

Specific Type of Custody/Facility:

Hospital/Infirmary

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:

Entry Date Time N/A: ☑

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:

Criminal Mischief

Offense 2:

Public Intoxication

Offense 3:

Were the Charges:: Not filed at time of death

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

Type of Offense: 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: Yes, mark all that apply

Decedent Display or Use Weapon Details: Displayed other weapon, specify:

Specify Weapon Displayed:

Metal Pipe

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?:	Yes	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 standoff?:	No	Resist being handcuffed or arrested?:	Yes
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:	Yes, mark which restraint devices were used

Type of restraint

Type of Restraint:	Handcuffs

Summary of Incident

Summary of How the Death Occurred: (max. 30,000 characters)

Summary:

On 5/25/2019 at approx. 9:28 p.m. Officers were dispatched to the area of 1800 blk of Hamilton in reference to a suspicious subject later identified as Micheal M. Hernandez who was in possession of two metal pipes and had caused damage to vehicles by using the pipes to break windows of vehicles. Officers made contact with Michael in the 1800 blk of Hamilton were he was found to be sitting with his legs crossed on the ground. Hernandez was found to be exhibiting extremely bizarre behavior such as screaming belligerently paranoia and violently striking the ground with a metal pipe in each hand. Hernandez was also observed to have multiple lacerations on his hands. Hernandez was disregarded all verbal commands by officers and was rolling around on the grass from a seated position and moved toward a flat bed trailer. Hernandez placed the metal pipes on the ground and officers were able to kick the pipes away from Michael. Hernandez eventually bounced himself onto the trailer where he continued to roll around sporadically, screaming and yelling

profanities. Due to Hernandez's actions, officers on scene believed that he was in a state of excited delirium. Medics were called and advised to stage near the area. Officers went hands on with Hernandez in which Hernandez resisted somewhat, but officers were able to detain him in handcuffs. Hernandez was observed to be soaking wet with sweat. Medics were called up to the scene and after being advised of the situation, medics administered 5mg of diazepam (valium) to Hernandez's left buttock area. Hernandez refused to stand, so officers and medics lifted Hernandez up and placed Hernandez on a gurney. A short time later, it was discovered that Hernandez had stopped breathing and CPR was initiated. Hernandez was then transported by ambulance to Scenic Mountain Medical Center ER. Officers were contacted at approx. 3:26 a.m. and advised that Hernandez had passed away after being admitted into ICU. JP Fitzgibbons responded and pronounced Hernandez deceased at 3:00 a.m.