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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	20-1822-C	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	1/6/2021 2:16 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Rio Grande City Police Dept.	Agency Address:	5332 E US HWY 83
Agency City:	Rio Grande City	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	78582		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Chief	Director First Name:	Noe
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Castillo		
Reporter Name:	Jose Solis	Reporter Email:	jesolis@cityofrgc.com

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Refugio

Middle Name:

Last Name: Barron

Suffix: Jr

Date of Birth: 12/10/1969 Sex: Male

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 51

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 12/12/2020 2:06 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 12/12/2020 3:07 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: Accidental

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Autopsy report stated the cause of death as Cardiorespiratory Arrest while Under the Influence of Drugs.

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

Medical Treatment:	Unknown

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:	Other, specify
Means of Death Other:	Autopsy report stated the cause of death as cardiorespiratory Arrest While under the Influence of Drugs. (Accidental)

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address:	222 W. Mesquite Street	City:	Rio Grande City
County:	Starr	Zip:	78582

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

Location Category: Residence/Home

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:

N/A

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: 12/12/2020 2:06 AM

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:

Refugio Barron Jr. was detained due to is aggressive behavior called in by mother. Unknown if charges would have been filed for criminal mischief or if he would have been taken for a mental evaluation.

Offense 2:

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: Other, specify

Type of Offense, Other:

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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:

Round granite stone

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:	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:	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 December 12th, 2020, Rio Grande City Police Officers were dispatched to 222 Mesquite Street in reference to an aggressive subject. Person who called was the mother of Refugio Barron Jr. who stated that he had broken a window and was yelling outside her residence. Once officers arrived at scene BARRON was bleeding from his head yelling while standing barefoot on broken glass from a window he had broken. Barron was screaming at officers that the person had ran but, officers noticed Barron was alone the whole time. BARRON grabbed a round granite stone and held it above his head as if he was going to throw it. Officer pointed his issued X26 taser at BARRON and ordered him to drop the stone. BARRON complied and as the officer holstered his taser BARRON attempted to flee from officers but fell on his own hitting himself on the head on the corner of his mother's mobile home. BARRON attempt to fight officers who were able to place handcuffs on him without incident. Officers requested an ambulance to their location at 2:06 am, and at 2:25 am, they decided to transport Barron in the patrol unit to the Starr County Memorial Hospital since the ambulance had not arrived. Once at the Starr County Memorial Hospital medical personnel worked on Barron who was pronounced deceased at 3:07 am. Case is being investigated by the Texas Rangers.