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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	20-211-CJ	Version Type:	ORIGINAL VERSION
Report Date:	3/9/2020 1:13 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Bexar County Sheriff's Office	Agency Address:	200 N. Comal
Agency City:	San Antonio	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	78207		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Javier
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Salazar		
Reporter Name:	Tammy Flores	Reporter Email:	tammy.flores@bexar.org

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Joel

Middle Name: James

Last Name: Sambrano

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 11/16/1999 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 20

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 9/6/2018 6:06 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 3/3/2020 7:05 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: Suicide

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Asphyxia by Hanging

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:	Hanging, strangulation

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address:	200 N. Comal	City:	San Antonio
County:	Bexar	Zip:	78207

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:	9/6/2018 6:06 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:

CAPITAL MURDER

Offense 2:

PWID CS PG 2-A <1G

Offense 3:

ASSAULT-BODILY INJUR

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):	Unknown	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 March 3, 2020, Inmate Sambrano was provided access to the dayroom at approximately 0552 hours. After use of the phone and approximately thirty (30) minutes later, the inmate was returned to his cell to prepare for a shower. At approximately 0552 hours, the Unit Officer opened the door for the cellmate of Inmate Sambrano when he (Sambrano) was observed hanging from a noose tied to the vent. The Unit Officers cut the inmate down, initiated CPR and activated a medical emergency code. The inmate was transported to Downtown Baptist Hospital (San Antonio) and was pronounced deceased at 0705 hours on 03/03/2020.