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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

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Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Dallas County Sheriff's Dept.	Agency Address:	133 N. Riverfront Blvd.
Agency City:	Dallas	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	75207		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Marian
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Brown		
Reporter Name:	TERESA HERNANDEZ	Reporter Email:	tahernandez@dallascounty.org

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Salvador

Middle Name:

Last Name: Rodriguez

Suffix: Jr.

Date of Birth: 5/14/1984 Sex: Male

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 35

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 3/27/2020 6:44 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 3/29/2020 4:31 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:

Suicide, please see narrative.

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?: 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:	111 W. Commerce St.	City:	Dallas
County:	Dallas	Zip:	75207

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:

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:

Man Del CS PG 1>=4G<200G

Offense 2:

Poss CS PG 1>=4G<200G

Offense 3:

Continuous Sex Abuse of a Young Child

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):	Unknown	Make suicidal statements?:	Unknown
Exhibit any mental health problems?:	Unknown	Exhibit any medical problems?:	Unknown

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 29, 2020, at approximately 3:40 p.m., Dallas County Sheriff Detention Service Officer(DSO) J. Knobler #6340 heard several inmates inside the North Tower Jail Facility - Tank 3E1, banging on the window. DSO Knobler approached the tank and was informed by several inmates that an inmate housed in "L" cell was trying to hang himself.
Upon entering "L" Cell, DSO Knobler observed an inmate, later identified as Salvador Rodriguez Jr., W/M 05/14/1984, in the corner of the cell, hanging from a "rope" that was wrapped around a wall mounted bookshelf. The "rope" consisted of torn pieces of a brown blanket.
DSO Knobler utilized his jail radio and requested for a supervisor and medical personnel for assistance. While waiting for medical personnel to arrive, DSO Knobler with the assistance of other Detention Service Officers lifted inmate Rodriguez's body and was able to pull the "rope" off the bookshelf. DSO Knobler then unraveled the "rope" from Inmate Rodriguez's neck and began chest compressions.
Parkland Jail Health Nurse S. Derose announced "code blue" and additional officers and medical personnel arrived on the floor. Parkland Jail Health Dr. S. Katkuri determined that the inmate needed to transferred to Parkland Memorial Hospital for further medical attention.
At approximately 4:00 p.m., Acadian Ground Ambulance arrived at the North Tower Jail Facility and transported the inmate to Parkland Memorial Hospital. Inmate Rodriguez was pronounced deceased at 4:31 p.m., by Dr. C. Parks.
On March 31, 2020, an autopsy was conducted at the Dallas County Medical Examiner's Office.
The results of the autopsy are pending.
Dallas County Sheriff Service #20-024751.
Dallas County Medical Examiner ISF #20-05707.

CONCLUSIONS:
Based on the case history and autopsy findings, it is my opinion that Salvador Rodriguez, Jr., a 35-year-old Hispanic male, died as a result of hanging. The autopsy findings and available investigative information are consistent with this being self-inflicted and deliberate.

MANNER OF DEATH: Suicide

Emily Ogden, M.D.
Medical Examiner
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