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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	20-549-PF	Version Type:	ORIGINAL VERSION
Report Date:	6/17/2020 9:26 AM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Kermit Police Dept.	Agency Address:	110 S. Tornillo Street
Agency City:	Kermit	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	79745		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Chief	Director First Name:	Jamie
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Dutton		
Reporter Name:	jamie dutton	Reporter Email:	chief.221@cityofkermit.net.inactive

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: JESSE

Middle Name: LEWALTER

Last Name: PRITCHARD

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 9/10/1980 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 39

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 5/13/2020 8:53 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 5/19/2020 7:18 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 pending

What was the manner of death? (select only one)

Manner of Death: Alcohol/Drug Intoxication

Medical Cause of Death:

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ANOXIC ENCEPHALOPATHY AS A COMPLICATION OF DRUG ABUSE.

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?: 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?: 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: 316 BERT STREET
City: KERMIT
County: Winkler
Zip: 79745

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

Location Category: Other, specify

Other Location Category:

UNKNOWN

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

Type of Custody: Private Facility

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:

PUBLIC INTOXICATION

Offense 2:

INDECENT EXPOSURE

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: 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): Yes

Make suicidal statements?: No

Exhibit any mental health

problems?:	No	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:	N/A
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:

Suspect: Jesse Lewalter Pritchard W/M DOB 09/10/1980
Officers: Sgt. Nathaniel Sanchez 225
Ptl. Colby Reynolds 231
Ptl. Kyle Wood 234

On Wednesday May 13, 2020, at approximately 2048 hours, Officer’s responded to a 911 emergency call at 316 Bert St in reference to an intoxicated person, who was naked outside of his residence. Officer Reynolds and Officer Wood were the 1st officer’s on scene, officer’s made contact with the intoxicated/naked suspect. Officer’s determined Pritchard was intoxicated on an unknown substance, and determined Pritchard was danger to himself and or others. Officer’s advised Pritchard’s father if he could get Pritchard some clothes to put on. Officer Reynolds gave Pritchard the opportunity to put clothing on, Pritchard refused.
Officer Reynolds, and Officer Wood tried placing handcuffs on Pritchard, Pritchard pulled away, Pritchard was placed against a chain linked fence in standing position. Officer Reynolds and Officer Wood assisted

Pritchard to the ground, Pritchard had his hands in front of his body underneath his stomach area, and refused to put his arms behind his back. Officer Reynolds advised Sgt. Sanchez back up was needed. Sgt. Sanchez arrived at said location, Sgt. Sanchez gave Prichard commands, and if Pritchard did not follow the commands he would be tased. Prichard did follow Sgt. Sanchez commands and placed his hands behind his back to be handcuffed, Prichard was never tased.
Officer's tried to get Pritchard to walk voluntarily to Officer Reynolds patrol unit, Pritchard refuse to walk to the unit. Sgt. Sanchez and Officer Reynolds carried Pritchard by his arms to Officer Reynolds patrol unit. Officer's asked Pritchard to get in the back seat of the patrol unit, and Pritchard refused. Officer's assisted Pritchard into the back seat of the patrol unit.
Sgt. Sanchez contacted Sheriff Darin Mitchell to get confirmation to accept Pritchard to the Winkler County Jail due to Covid 19 restrictions. Sheriff Mitchell did confirm he would accept Pritchard into Winkler County Jail.
Officer Reynolds and Officer Wood transported Pritchard to the Winkler County Jail, where Officer Reynolds states Prichard was banging his body against the metal divider during transport.
When officer's assisted Prichard out of the unit they laid him on the ground waiting for chair to transport Pritchard into the jail. When helping Pritchard into the chair, officer's noticed Pritchard was pale, and laid him back on the ground handcuffs were removed. Jailer Oscar Castillo begin CPR, Sgt. Sanchez called for EMS. EMS arrived at jail sally port, and transported Pritchard to Winkler County Hospital Emergency Room. Sgt. Sanchez was advised Pritchard had a pulse and was being transported to Medical Center Hospital in Odessa Tx, by Aero Care.

On Monday May 18, 2020 Lt. Richard Abalos was contacted by Ector County Medical Examiner Investigator Robin Wood. Lt. Abalos was advised by Wood Pritchard was on a ventilator and had no brain activity. Wood advised Lt. Abalos the family wanted to remove Pritchard from the ventilator. Wood asked Lt. Abalos if Kermit Police Department was requesting an autopsy on Prichard. Lt. Abalos advised KPD would be requesting an autopsy. Phone number was given to Wood, to contact Justice Of The Peace Precinct 1 Keri Jones, to set up autopsy in Lubbock Tx, South Plains Forensic Pathology.

On Tuesday May 19, 2020 Lt. Abalos was informed autopsy for Prichard was set for Wednesday May 20, 2020 at 8:30 AM.

On Wednesday May 20, 2020 at 8:30 AM, Lt. Abalos was present at Pritchards autopsy, at South Plains Forensic Pathology, Lubbock Tx. Autopsy performed by Dr. Thomas Parsons. Pending pathology report.