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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	20-551-C	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	8/5/2020 3:55 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Graham Police Dept.	Agency Address:	903 Loving Highway
Agency City:	Graham	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	76450		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Chief	Director First Name:	Brent
Director Middle Name:	D		
Director Last Name:	Bullock		
Reporter Name:	Brent Bullock	Reporter Email:	gpd128@grahampd.com

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Ericardo

Middle Name:

Last Name: Montano

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 4/2/1985 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: 6/3/2020 11:14 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 6/11/2020 8:06 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:

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:	1222 Brazos Street	City:	Graham
County:	Young	Zip:	76450

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

Location Category: Parking lot/garage

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:

Custody of Law Enforcement Personnel subsequent to arrest

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?: Yes

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:

Burglary of a Habitation with Intent to Commit a Felony

Offense 2:

Assault Causes Bodily Injury Family Violence

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: 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):	Yes	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:	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 June 3rd, 2020 at approximately 11:14 PM, Officers of the Graham Police Department were dispatched to 1311 Remington Street in Graham, Texas in reference to a physical disturbance. Officers arrived and made contact with a female victim, who lived at the residence and reported that her estranged husband, Ericardo Montano, came to her house and started assaulting her while inside the residence. Witnesses on scene reported seeing Ericardo "literally attacking the victim in the street". Once on scene, Officers observed that the front door of the residence had been kicked in. Responding Officers were familiar with the victim and Ericardo due to answering calls at that address involving the two, in the past. Upon arrival of Officers, Ericardo had left the scene in his white Chevy pickup. Officers searched the area in an attempt to locate Ericardo. Officers located Ericardo's pickup traveling south on Texas Street. Ericardo was stopped in the parking lot 1222 Brazos Street (apartment complex) by the Sergeant on duty. The Sergeant ordered Ericardo out of the vehicle and placed him on the ground to be taken into custody. Ericardo complied and was taken into custody and due to his large stature, two pair of handcuffs were used to restrain him. According to Officers, Ericardo had the strong odor of an alcoholic beverage on his breath. Ericardo was placed into the back seat of patrol unit #22. All Officers body cameras and patrol vehicles cameras were activated during the entire encounter with Ericardo. The Sergeant on duty activated the rear prisoner camera of unit #22 after Ericardo was placed into the unit. After the door was shut on the patrol unit, the Sergeant and two other officers gathered in front of the unit to discuss the call and the elements present for the offense. Ericardo was left in the rear seat of the patrol unit for just under six minutes. The on duty Sergeant got back into the patrol unit and noticed that Ericardo had wrapped the rear seat seat-belt around his neck and had strangled himself. CPR was started and a request for an ambulance was made. Ericardo was transported to the Graham

Regional Medical Center where they were able to get a pulse back. Ericardo was then air lifted to United Regional Hospital in Wichita Falls, TX and listed in critical condition. This case was turned over to the Texas Rangers who are conducting an investigation.