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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

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Report Date:	12/29/2020 3:11 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	El Paso County Sheriff's Dept.	Agency Address:	3850 Justice Road
Agency City:	El Paso	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	79938		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sergeant	Director First Name:	John
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Greer		
Reporter Name:	James Belknap	Reporter Email:	jbelknap@epcounty.com

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Rudy

Middle Name: Jeremiah

Last Name: Morales

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 1/29/1978 Sex: Male

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 42

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 6/19/2020 8:20 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 6/19/2020 9:25 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:

Acute Methamphetamine Toxicity

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

Medical Treatment: No

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: Drug overdose

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address:	7100 Gateway West	City:	El Paso
County:	El Paso	Zip:	79925

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 during/fleeing 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: Dead on arrival at 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:

Evading Arrest

Offense 2:

Theft under $100.00

Offense 3:

Were the Charges:: Filed

What were the types of charges or reason for contact? (Hold CTRL to select all that apply)

Type of Offense: Crime Against Property

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:	N/A
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 06/19/2020 a Sheriff's Deputy was working an off duty security detail at the Cielo Vista Wal-Mart, located at 7100 Gateway West El Paso, TX. when employees noticed the offender / deceased shoplifting. The Deputy assisted in escorting the deceased to the Security Office for a theft investigation, when the deceased ran out of an exit door. The deputy pursued on foot after the deceased, locating the deceased laying on his back in a nearby parking lot. As the Deputy approached the deceased, he got to his feet and ran off again (approx.60 yards) in an attempt to evade the officer. The Deputy again gave chase, the deceased fell to the ground for a second time, the Deputy caught up to him and placed him in hand cuffs. The Officer observed that the deceased was having difficulty breathing and sat the decease up, it was at this time that he realized the male was secreting fluid from his mouth, was unresponsive and appeared to be in cardiac arrest. A Police Dept. Unit arrived and CPR was started. E.M.S. Ambulance transported the deceased to a local area Hospital where he was pronounced dead. The Autopsy results are pending.