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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	20-783-CJ	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	9/23/2020 4:53 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: Paul

Middle Name:

Last Name: Diaz

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 11/27/1963 Sex: Male

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 56

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 8/3/2020 4:50 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 8/3/2020 4:50 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: Natural

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Bilateral Bronchopneumonia
Contributing Factors: Pulmonary Fibrosis, Cirrhosis and fatty metamorphosis of the liver, Hunan Immunodeficiency virus infection

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

Medical Treatment: Yes

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?: Pre-existing medical condition

If death was an accident, homicide or suicide, what was the means of death?

Means of Death: Not applicable, cause of death was illness/natural cause

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address:	12501 Montama Ave.	City:	El Paso
County:	El Paso	Zip:	79938

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

Location Category: Other, specify

Other Location Category:

Hospital (I.C.U.)

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:

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: 5/5/2020 1:35 AM

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:

Obstruction / Retaliation

Offense 2:

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: 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): No

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?:	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:	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 July 20th, 2020 at about 1538 hours, El Paso County Sheriff`s Office (EPCSO) Detention Officer (D.O.) Robert Torres #8959 was assigned to pod 1400 of the Sheriff`s Office Jail Annex. DO Torres was working the guard station when DO Santos #6820 told him that inmate Diaz, Paul (BK# 9781904 DOB: 11/27/63) did not appear to be breathing well and looked pale. Inmate Diaz was inside his room laying on his bed at this time. D.O. Santos made contact with Medical Staff Nurse Uribe # 8752 and requested them to come and check inmate Diaz. At 1548 hrs. Medical staff arrived to the pod escorted inmate Diaz to the clinic for further medical evaluation.
At 1619 hours, after further medical evaluation by Nurse Practitioner Jones, EMS was requested to transport inmate Diaz to the hospital due to him having breathing problems. At 1630 hours, E.M.S. arrived and transported inmate Diaz to Hospitals of Providence East Campus located at 3280 Joe Battle, El Paso, Texas 08/03/2020 715hrs D.O. Daniel Sepulveda #3531 arrived at the Hospitals of Providence East Campus to begin his shift, Sepulveda noted that Diaz was still alive, on live support and on a medical ventilator. At 1050 hours, Dr. Payan and other medical staff evaluated Diaz. Mr. Villa (Case Worker) advised D.O. Sepulveda that he had contacted Inmate Diaz mother Alicia Rivera to have her come to the hospital to sign the D.N.R. form (Do-not-Resuscitate). At 1245 hours, Alicia Rivera Inmate Diaz mother arrived and sign a D.N.R. order. Ms. Rivera authorized for inmate Diaz to be disconnected from life support and medical ventilator. At 1315 hours, Diaz was taken off life support and all other medical devices attached to him. At 1330 hours, inmate Diaz monitor showed no pulse. At 1440 hours, Nurse Magallanes notified the Office of the Medical Examiner. At 1450 hours, Investigator for the Office of the Medical Examiner Morgan Riddle called and spoke with Nurse Magallanes to confirm death.