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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	20-86-C	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	3/26/2020 8:55 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	San Antonio Police Dept.	Agency Address:	315 S. Santa Rosa
Agency City:	San Antonio	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	78207		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Chief	Director First Name:	William
Director Middle Name:	P.		
Director Last Name:	McManus		
Reporter Name:	Tom McNelly	Reporter Email:	tom.mcnelly@sanantonio.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Abel

Middle Name: Angel

Last Name: Garza

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 9/11/1982 Sex: Male

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 37

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 1/17/2020 1:35 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 1/17/2020 7:27 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: Alcohol/Drug Intoxication

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

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: Unknown

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: 900 E Market

City: San Antonio

County: Bexar

Zip: 78205

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

Location Category: Other, specify

Other Location Category:

Gaming convention

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?: 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:

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: Other, specify

Type of Offense, Other:

Medical / Mental Crisis

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?:	Yes	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:	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 01/17/2020 at approximately 1:35pm SAPD Detective Gallegos and Officer Ragland were working an off duty City of San Antonio function. The entrance to the convention is restrictive in nature (standard venue - ticket verification and weapon scrutiny). Abel Garza was observed by Detective Gallegos and Officer Ragland acting strange and appearing to have a mental crisis. Abel was sweating profusely, walking with his arms in the air, and yelling "I'm sorry!" Abel attempted to get around the security checkpoint and was impeded by Detective Gallegos and Officer Ragland. Detective Gallegos attempted to speak with Abel Garza however Abel continued his attempt to enter the venue and ignore officers. Detective Gallegos and Officer Ragland then attempted to detain Abel Garza due to their observations of Abel's behavior. Abel tried to avoid contact from the officers by pulling away, waving his arms, and kicking his legs. Abel was placed on the ground and was eventually secured in handcuffs after the assistance of a bystander. Abel had been exerting an excessive amount of energy as Detective Gallegos and Officer Ragland prevented Abel from standing up and entering

the venue. As Abel was secured in handcuffs officer noticed, he had become unresponsive and medical assistance was immediately requested. EMS arrived and Abel Garza was later pronounced deceased in a medical facility at 7:27pm.