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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

# CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

## Agency Information

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| CDR Number: | 21-1259-CJ | Version Type: | AMENDED |
| Report Date: | 12/7/2021 10:30 AM | Status: | Submitted |

### Agency/Facility Information

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| Agency Name: | Dallas County Sheriff's Dept. | Agency Address: | 133 N. Riverfront Blvd. |
| Agency City: | Dallas | Agency State: | TX |
| Agency Zip: | 75207 | | |

### Director Information

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| Director Salutation: | Sheriff | Director First Name: | Marian |
| Director Middle Name: | | | |
| Director Last Name: | Brown | | |
| Reporter Name: | TERESA HERNANDEZ | Reporter Email: | tahernandez@dallascounty.org |

## Decedent Information

### Identity of Deceased

First Name: Gregory

Middle Name: Nativo

Last Name: Ramirez

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 4/15/1968 Sex: Male

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 53

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 7/29/2020 5:53 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 9/7/2021 5:50 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:

Hypertensive and atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease and diabetes mellitus contributed to the cause of death.

## 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?: Could not be determined

## 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?

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| Street Address: | 5200 Harry Hines Blvd | City: | Dallas |
| County: | Dallas | Zip: | 75235 |

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

Location Category: Other, specify

Other Location Category:

Hospital.

## 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: 7/29/2020 5:53 PM

## 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:

Probation Viol - Man Del CS PG1>=4g<200g

Offense 2:

Probation Viol - Assault FV Impede Breath

Offense 3:

Unauthorized Use Motor Vehicle

Were the Charges:: Convicted

## 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:

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| Appear intoxicated (alcohol or drugs): | Unknown | Make suicidal statements?: | Unknown |
| Exhibit any mental health problems?: | Unknown | Exhibit any medical problems?: | Yes |

## At any time during the incident and/or entry into the law enforcement facility, did the decedent:

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| 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?

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| Under Restraint: | No |

# Summary of Incident

## Summary of How the Death Occurred: (max. 30,000 characters)

Summary:

On July 29, 2020, Garland Police Department booked Gregory N. Ramirez W/M 04/15/1968 (Decedent) into the Dallas County Jail for Probation Violation Man Del Controlled Substance PG1>=4g<200g, Probation Violation Assault Family Violence Impede Breath, and Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle.
On November 26, 2020, the Decedent was on quarantine for possible COVID reasons. Parkland Jail Health Doctor M. Azeem ordered the Decedent for further treatment at Parkland Memorial Hospital. The Decedent was transported to PMH by Acadian Ambulance #943 and escorted by DSO M. Russell #9028.
On February 23, 2021, the Decedent was transferred from the Dallas County Jail West Tower 7P10 to Dallas County Jail Medical Gill-Hernandez NG02 for medical reasons.
On June 6, 2021, the Decedent was transported to Parkland Memorial Hospital for shortness of breath by Acadian Ambulance #943 per Jail Health RN Swamidass. DSO J. Gartrell #5266 escorted the Decedent to PMH.
On August 9, 2021, the Decedent was transported to Parkland Memorial Hospital by Acadian Ambulance #872 at the request of Jail Health Nurse Practioneer A. Michael. The Decedent was escorted by DSO T. Richardson #7860.
On August 11, 2021 the Decedent was admitted to Parkland Memorial Hospital room 433 on the 12th floor.
On September 7, 2021, at approximately 5:49pm Parkland Hospital Doctor J. Manson pronounced the Decedent deceased.. Dr. Manson informed the Detention Officers at the hospital that the Decedent's cause of death was renal heart failure due to inflammation of the lungs. Parkland notified the Dallas County Medical Examiner (IFS-21-18564) of the death and made notification to the Decedent's mother. Dallas County Sheriff's Department Criminal Investigation Section Detective T. Trout #572 was assigned to this death investigation under Service #21-054780.
Detective Trout conducted a telephone follow up interview with the Decedent's mother. During the interview, the mother explained that the Decedent was positive for COVID in November 2020
and has had breathing issues since. The mother also explained that she had last seen the Decedent a week prior and he was on a ventilator.
Detective Trout spoke to the Dallas County Medical Examiner and was informed that there would be an

autopsy conducted at a later time. The results from the autopsy and cause of death are still pending at this time.

T. Trout #572
Detective
Criminal Investigation Section
Dallas County Sheriff's Department

EXTERNAL EXAMINATION REPORT
Covid-19 Qualitative Test Results: Negative (Normal).
FINDINGS: Review of circumstances and medical history:
This 53-year-old Hispanic male with a history of interstitial lung disease (diagnosed June 2021), remote COVID-19 infection (Nov. 2020), hypertension, diabetes mellitus, and hyperlipidemia, was admitted to Parkland Memorial Hospital on 08-09-2021, while in custody due to severe shortness of breath. During his hospital course, the decedent developed severe shock and ischemic hepatitis. He continued to decline and expired on 09-07-2021. There are no indications of foul play and no significant injuries are noted.
CONCLUSIONS:
Based on the case history and external examination findings, it is my opinion that Gregory Natividad Ramirez, a 53-year-old male, died as a result of complications of interstitial lung disease. Hypertensive and atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease and diabetes mellitus contributed to the cause of death.
MANNER OF DEATH: Natural

Elizabeth Ventura, M.D.
Medical Examiner
10-29-2021