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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	21-1291-CJ	Version Type:	ORIGINAL VERSION
Report Date:	9/29/2021 2:52 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Hidalgo County Sheriff's Dept.	Agency Address:	PO BOX 1228
Agency City:	Edinburg	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	78540		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Jose
Director Middle Name:	E		
Director Last Name:	Guerra		
Reporter Name:	Tony Garza	Reporter Email:	tony.garza@hidalgoso.org

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Jorge

Middle Name:

Last Name: Baez

Suffix: Jr

Date of Birth: 8/15/1981 Sex: Male

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 40

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 5/12/2021 2:45 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 9/28/2021 10:18 AM

Manner / Cause of Death

Has a medical examiner or coroner conducted an evaluation to determine a cause of death?

Medical Examiner/Coroner Evaluation?: No, evaluation not planned

What was the manner of death? (select only one)

Manner of Death: Natural

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Inmate developed pneumonia after contracting Covid-19 which resulted in raspatory complications that resulted in cardia arrest.

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?: Deceased developed condition after admission

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:	701 El CIbolo Road	City:	Edinburg
County:	Hidalgo	Zip:	78539

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

Location Category:	Law Enforcement Facility

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:	5/12/2021 2:45 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:

Sex Abuse of Child Continuous: Victim under 14

Offense 2:

Indecency with a Child Sexual Contact

Offense 3:

Aggravated Sexual Assault Child

Were the Charges:: Filed

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

Type of Offense: Crimes Against Child(ren)

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?:	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:	No

Summary of Incident

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

Summary:

Inmate Jorge Baez was arrested on May 12, 2021 for Sexual Assault of a Child, Indecency with a Child/Sexual Contact and Aggravated Assault of a Child. Inmate was remanded to the Hidalgo County Jail on a $100,000 Bond. While in custody, Baez became ill and transferred to the Edinburg Regional Hospital on 08-27-2021. Inmate tested positive for Covid-19 and later developed Pneumonia which caused raspatory complications. Inmate Baez was intubated and given several medications to treat him. On 09-28-2021, Jorge Baez expired at 10:18 AM. Medical staff reported that Baez went into cardia arrest as a result of Covid-19. Justice of the Peace ruled a natural death.