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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	21-1713-PF	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	1/3/2023 1:17 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	La Salle County Sheriff's Dept.	Agency Address:	101 Courthouse Square
Agency City:	Cotulla	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	78014		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Anthony
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Zertuche		

Reporter Name:	Esmeralda Gonzalez	Reporter Email:	esmeralda.gonzalez@co.la-salle.tx.us

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Roberto

Middle Name: Jaramillo

Last Name: Salazar

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 9/18/1955 Sex: Male

Race: Other

Age At Time Of Death: 66

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 12/6/2021 7:34 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 12/10/2021 10:20 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: Natural

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

As per Medical Examiner: Hypertensive Arteriosclerotic cardiovascular disease.

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:	832 E. Hwy 44	City:	Encinal
County:	La Salle	Zip:	78019

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:	Private Facility

Specific type of custody/facility:

Specific Type of Custody/Facility:
Jail - multiple occupancy cell

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:	12/6/2021 7:34 PM

Where did the death occur?

Death Location:	Scene of incident

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:

Immigration Re-entry Violation

Offense 2:

Offense 3:

Were the Charges:: A probation/parole violation

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:

Immigration offense of violation of probation by re-entry

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?: 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?:	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:

On December 10, 2021, I, Sergeant Investigator Esmeralda Gonzalez with the La Salle County Sheriff's Office responded to the La Salle County Regional Detention Center located at 832 E. Hwy 44 in Encinal, Texas 78019 in reference to an unresponsive male. I arrived and met with La Salle County Fire Rescue personnel and Justice of the Peace, Roxanna Rodriguez. JP Rodriguez pronounced Roberto Jaramillo-Salazar (DOB: 09/18/1955) deceased at 10:20AM. After conducting multiple interviews, I learned that Roberto had been transferred to this facility on December 6, 2021 at 7:34PM having listed that he had been prescribed medication for the treatment of high blood pressure.

Jailer Hinojosa shared that on the morning of December 10, 2021, he had been assigned to Dorm P and that he had received directives to move detainees that were housed in Dorm D to Dorm P. Jailer Hinojosa shared that Roberto was one of the detainees that he was to move to Dorm P. Jailer Hinojosa continued and stated that as he moved them into Dorm P and had then instructed them to their designated bunks, he left the cell onto the outside area of the cell called the vestible area. Jailer Hinojosa stated that not too long after, as he was writing down the movement onto his activity log, he then heard a loud, clap sound noise and that detainees were then attempting to obtain his attention. Jailer Hinojosa stated that as he looked inside of the cell through the window, he was able to see a subject's legs and feet of a detainee that appeared to have been laying face up. Jailer Hinojosa continued and described that he saw detainee Roberto laying face up, his arms folded up with his hands in a semi clenched position. Jailer Hinojosa then explained that he called assistance through the radio and attempted to lay Roberto on his side. Jailer Hinojosa stated that medical personnel arrived and transferred Roberto to the medical room in the facility.

Interviews with multiple detainees described Roberto as he was waiting to claim his bunk as he stood by as another detainee was clearing the area. The detainees described that Roberto bent over to reach for his items from the floor and did not get to pick up his things when he then fell in a backward motion. Detainees described hearing a loud noise as his head hit the floor and that Roberto's eyes were rolled back and became unresponsive. Detainees then shared that they then contacted the jailer for help.