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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	21-1719-CJ	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	4/4/2022 4:33 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	El Paso County Sheriff's Office	Agency Address:	3850 Justice Road
Agency City:	El Paso	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	79938		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Richard
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Wiles		
Reporter Name:	James Belknap	Reporter Email:	jbelknap@epcounty.com

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Brandon

Middle Name: Pacheco

Last Name: Calzada

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 7/24/1998 Sex: Male

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 23

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 12/16/2021 9:16 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 12/24/2021 9:58 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: Accidental

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Mixed Drug Toxicity (Amphetamine, Benzodiazepines)

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

Medical Treatment: No

If death was an accident, homicide or suicide, who caused the death?

Who caused the death?: Decedent

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:	601 E. Overland St.	City:	El Paso
County:	El Paso	Zip:	79901

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:
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:	12/16/2021 9:16 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:

Driving While Intoxicated

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: Alcohol / drug offense

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:

On 12/16/2021 CALZADA, Brandon Pacheco was booked into the El Paso Detention Facility Downtown Facility at 9:16 pm. Calzada was assigned to the 5th floor Cell 70 Left 2 for COVID quarantine. Calzada was 1 of 4 persons assigned to Left 2. Investigators while interviewing the other inmates in the cell that Calzada had made a comment that he had taken some pill and could someone wake him up for breakfast if he was still asleep.
At 0448 hrs. Patrol Officers were call to the facility to recover some pills that were located and discovered in Calzada's property after he was assigned to the 5th floor cell. Patrol Officers arrived at the facility at 0457hrs. and requested that Calzada be escorted for an interview on the 2nd floor.
At 0510 hrs. Detention Officer C. Martinez arrived at 570 and called out for Calzada, he was told by another inmate that Calzada was asleep and not responding. D.O. Martinez entered the cell and discovered Calzada on top of a bunk his skin pale and he was gasping for air. D.O. Martinez requested a Supervisor and Medical staff to the floor. At 0516 hrs. Medical staff arrive and administer first aid, 0527 Ambulance personnel arrive and Calzada is transported to a local area hospital.
Calzada is admitted to the hospital and placed on life support (Ventilator). Calzada remained in the hospital until 12/24/2021 @ 2158 hrs. Life support was terminated and Calzada was pronounced dead by Dr. Raul Isern.