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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	21-315-C	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	9/16/2021 10:20 AM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Odessa Police Dept.	Agency Address:	205 N. Grant
Agency City:	Odessa	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	79761		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Chief	Director First Name:	Mike
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Gerke		
Reporter Name:	Jerry Harvell	Reporter Email:	jharvell@odessa-tx.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Frederick

Middle Name: William

Last Name: Richert

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 2/8/1973 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 48

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 2/27/2021 6:35 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 2/27/2021 8:51 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: 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: Yes

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:	6201 E Hwy 80 Sr N Apt 301	City:	Odessa
County:	Ector	Zip:	79762

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

Location Category: Other, specify

Other Location Category:

MCM Grande Hotel Parking Lot

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?: 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:

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: 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):	Yes	Make suicidal statements?:	No
Exhibit any mental health problems?:	Unknown	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:	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 Saturday, February 27,2021, officers of the Odessa Police Department (OPD) responded to the parking lot of MCM Fun Dome,6201 East 80, because a 911 caller reported that someone was after him. Officers arrived and found the caller sitting in the hotel driveway with his hands in the air and claiming a man was trying to shoot him. The caller showed signs of mental illness and admitted to smoking methamphetamine. An ambulance responded to the scene, and paramedics cleared the man medically. An OPD officer began transporting the caller to jail for public intoxication when the man became unresponsive. The officer requested paramedics, removed Mr. Richert from the patrol car, and began CPR. An ambulance responded to the scene and transported him to the Emergency Room. Mr. Frederick Richert was pronounced deceased at 8:51 AM. An autopsy was ordered. A search warrant was executed on Mr. Richert’s hotel room, and drug paraphernalia

was seized. The Texas Rangers are investigating the death.

District Attorney Dusty Gallivan reviewed the evidence, did not believe the officers involved with Mr. Richert committee any criminal acts. Dr. Richard C. Fries conducted the autopsy on Mr. Richerts and listed the cause of death as Methamphetamine Toxicity.