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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	21-421-CJ	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	11/1/2021 2:27 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Kerr County Sheriff's Dept.	Agency Address:	400 Clearwater Paseo, Suite 102
Agency City:	Kerrville	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	78028		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Chief Deputy	Director First Name:	Cris
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Lalonde		
Reporter Name:	Cris Lalonde	Reporter Email:	cris.lalonde@so.kerrcountytx.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Heather

Middle Name: Renee

Last Name: Rodriguez

Suffix: Gill

Date of Birth: 10/10/1975 Sex: Female

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 45

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 3/11/2021 10:21 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 3/16/2021 10:00 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:

Chronic Seizure Disorder (Epilepsy)

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?:	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:	400 Clearwater Paseo Drive	City:	Kerrville
County:	Kerr	Zip:	78028

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 - single 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:	3/11/2021 10:21 AM

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:

Aggravated Assault Date/Family/Household with Weapon

Offense 2:

Injury to child/Elderly/Disabled with Intent Bodily Injury

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:	Violent Crime Against Persons; 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?:	Yes
Exhibit any mental health problems?:	Yes	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 March 16, 2021, Inmate Heather Rodriguez was found unresponsive, not breathing, and with no pulse at approximately 12:22 PM. Correctional Officers enter her single cell and assess Ms. Rodriguez and start CPR at 12:27 PM. Jail Medical personnel arrive and takeover CPR until EMS arrives at 12:34 PM. Ms. Rodriguez is transported to Peterson Regional Medical Center, where they were able to get a pulse back, but CT scans showed serve loss of brain activity/ Brain Hypoxia. Ms. Rodriguez is moved to ICU, is only alive by the ventilator, until next of kin is found and notified. The Mother, father and one son arrive and request she be taken off life support. Ms. Rodriguez is pronounced dead at 10:00 PM on March 16, 2021. Ms. Rodriguez is transported to the Travis County Medical Examiner's Office for an Autopsy. On July 8, 2021, the Travis County Medical Examiner's Office came back with results of the autopsy. The cause of death was Chronic Seizure Disorder (Epilepsy) and the manner of death was Natural.