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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	21-781-CJ	Version Type:	ORIGINAL VERSION
Report Date:	6/30/2021 11:16 AM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Nueces County Sheriff's Office	Agency Address:	PO BOX 1940
Agency City:	Corpus Christi	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	78403		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	John
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Hooper		
Reporter Name:	Martin Arnold	Reporter Email:	martin.arnold@nuecesco.com

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Eddie

Middle Name:

Last Name: Garcia

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 9/5/1991 Sex: Male

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 29

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 6/10/2021 1:19 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 6/12/2021 7:16 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 pending

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

Manner of Death: Pending autopsy results

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Appears to be asphyxia by strangulation

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

Medical Treatment:	Not Applicable

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:	Hanging, strangulation

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address:	745 North Padre Island Drive	City:	Corpus Christi
County:	Nueces	Zip:	78406

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:	6/10/2021 1:19 AM

Where did the death occur?

Death Location:	Law enforcement facility/booking center

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:

Assault Family/Household Member Previous Conviction

Offense 2:

Injury to Child/Elderly/Disabled w/ intent to cause SBI

Offense 3:

Failure to ID Fugitive

Were the Charges:: Filed

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

Type of Offense: Violent Crime Against Persons

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):	Unknown	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 June 18, 2021 at 18:20 hours, Correctional Officer Stephen Williams discovered inmate Eddie Garcia (housed in Cell 28 of Unit DSC at the McKinzie Jail Annex) to be kneeling under a shelf with something tied around the shelf and around Garcia's neck. Officer Williams opened the cell door and called out to Garcia and received no response. Officer Williams called a Signal 35H (Inmate Hanging) over the radio for emergency assistance. Officer Williams lifted Garcia's body to support its weight and removed the linen from the shelf to place him on the floor. the linen was removed from Garcia's neck and no pulse could be located. Sgt. Wesley Perez, who responded, called 911 for EMS. Nurse H. Schober arrived on scene and began life saving measures (CPR and AED).

At 18:30 hours, Corpus Christi Fire Department paramedics arrived in the unit. At 18:40 hours, EMS staff departed with inmate Garcia to Christus Spohn Hospital Shoreline. At 19:16 hours, inmate Garcia was pronounced deceased at the hospital

At 18:33 hours, Captain Patrick Whitmore (on-call Jail Captain) and Capt. Roberto Garza (CID) were notified of the death in custody.

Shortly thereafter, Capt. Whitmore, CID Sgt. Timothy Revis arrived at the McKinzie Annex. Texas Rangers, Rodney Henderson and Steve West, also arrived to begin their investigation.