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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	22-1136-CJ	Version Type:	ORIGINAL VERSION
Report Date:	8/25/2022 2:19 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Starr County Sheriff's Dept.	Agency Address:	102 East 6th Street
Agency City:	Rio Grande City	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	78582		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Rene
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Fuentes		
Reporter Name:	Jose Molina	Reporter Email:	rmolina@starrcountyso.org

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Brayan

Middle Name:

Last Name: Gonzalez

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 8/19/2003 Sex: Male

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 19

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 8/20/2022 1:20 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 8/20/2022 2:16 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:

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Lungs - Areas of Pulmonary Hemorrhage.
Scattered Micro Thrombi. Emphysematous Type Changes.
Heart - Foci of Myocarditis. Interstitial Edema
AUTOPSY: SA-22-28 EXTENT: Complete
BY: F.P. Salinas, M.D. Pathologist PLACE: Hidalgo County Forensic Center
Edinburg, TX AUTHORIZED BY: Veronica Alvarez TITLE: J P Pet 5 Starr County
E. (Frank) P. Salinas, M.D. P.A. Pathologist
Hidalgo County Forensic Center FINAL AUTOPSY REPORT
Comment: In my opinion, this young male with a history of smoking coffee wrapped in lettuse leaves and carbon paper caused serious lung injury and possible heart leading to a terminal cardiac arrhythmia and sudden death. Some medical literature shows that
these carbon papers contain bleach and other chemical components that upon combustion may give hazardous particles and gases causing pulmonary injury and irregular heart beats leading to cardiac arrest

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?:	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?:	Could not be determined

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:	100 E. 6TH St.	City:	Rio Grande City
County:	Starr	Zip:	78582

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:	4/13/2022 8:30 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?: 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:

POSS CS PG 2 > = 4G < 400G

Offense 2:

PROH WEAPON

Offense 3:

POSS MARIJ < 2OZ

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 AUGUST 20, 2022 AT APPROXIMATLEY 1:20AM, DETENTION OFFICER HAD JUST FINISHED HIS ROUNDS IN OLD SECTION CELL C AND ENTERED THE PICKET WHEN HE WAS GESTURED TO APPROCH CELL C. HE APPROCHED CELL C AND WAS TOLD THAT AN INMATE NEEDED MEDICAL ASSISTANCE DUE TO BEING UNCONCIOUS. PICKET OFFICER RADIOED FOR HELP. OFFICERS ARRIVED TO THE CELL AND PROVIDED ASSISTANCE TO THE INMATE (CPR) DUE TO NOT HAVING A PULSE. EMS WAS REQUESTED THROUGH OUR COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM AND ARRIVED APPROXIMATLEY 10 MINS LATER. INFORMATION GATHERED FROM INMATES IN THE CELL; STATED THAT BRAYAN GONZALEZ ENTERED THE SHOWER AND WHEN HE EXITED JUST DROPPED TO THE FLOOR. INMATE WAS TRANSPORTED TO STARR COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL WHERE HE WAS LATER PRONOUNCE DEAD AT 2:16AM; DOCTOR ADVISED THAT NO SIGN OF PHYSICAL ABUSED WAS NOTICED AT THE TIME. INVESTIGATION WAS TURNED OVER TO TEXAS RANGERS FOR FUTHER INVESTIGATION/ PENDING AUTOPSY.