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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	22-1268-CJ	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	2/13/2023 7:47 AM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Travis County Sheriff's Dept.	Agency Address:	5555 Airport Blvd.
Agency City:	Austin	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	78751		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Sally
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Hernandez		
Reporter Name:	Geoffrey Bottoms	Reporter Email:	geoffrey.bottoms@traviscountytx.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Victor

Middle Name: Rene

Last Name: Gonzales

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 5/7/1985 Sex: Male

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 37

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 9/3/2022 10:20 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 9/4/2022 3:43 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:

Medical Cause of Death:

Bilateral pulmonary thromboemboli due to deep vein thrombosis.

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

Medical Treatment:	Unknown

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?:	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:	500 W 10th St	City:	Austin
County:	Travis	Zip:	78701

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:

Hospital/Infirmary

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:	9/1/2022 3:06 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:

Prohibited Substance in Correctional Facility (F3)

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		Gain possession of officer's	

officer(s):	No	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 9/3/2022 at about 1000 hrs, the post officer observed Inmate Victor Gonzales laying naked on the floor of his single man cell. Gonzales was alert, conscious, and was scratching his body. Gonzales pushed the intercom button in his cell shortly after and told the post officer that he had difficulty breathing. Gonzales could not advise what was the cause, only that he could not breath. Medical staff was advised and Gonzales was told to get dressed so he could be taken to be seen by medical staff. At about 1020 hrs, Gonzales started to gasp for breath and went unresponsive when another officer attempted to move him to medical. CPR was initiated on Gonzales by TCSO staff until relieved by EMS & FD. EMS transported Gonzales to Dell Seton Medical Center where he was later pronounced deceased on 9/4/2022 at 0343 hrs. Travis County Medical Examiner Lauren A. Edelman completed the autopsy for Gonzales and concluded the cause of death to be bilateral pulmonary thromboemboli due to deep vein thrombosis. The manner of death was reported as Natural.