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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

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Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Eagle Pass Police Dept.	Agency Address:	110 South Monroe Street
Agency City:	Eagle Pass	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	78852		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Chief	Director First Name:	Federico
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Garza		
Reporter Name:	Jose De La Garza	Reporter Email:	jdelagarza@eaglepasstx.us

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Raul

Middle Name:

Last Name: Mata

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 5/11/1972 Sex: Male

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 49

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 3/28/2022 6:54 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 3/28/2022 8:35 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: Accidental

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

This 49-year-old Hispanic male, died from acute cocaine toxicity when he swallowed several baggies containing the drug. The manner of death is Accident. (I. Acute Cocaine Toxicity II. External Abrasions and Contusions A. Focal subgaleal hemorrhage)

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?: 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?: Could not be determined

If death was an accident, homicide or suicide, what was the means of death?

Means of Death: Unknown

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address:	2200 block of North Veterans Blvd.	City:	Eagle Pass
County:	Maverick	Zip:	78852

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

Location Category: Roadway/highway/street/sidewalk

What type of custody/facility was the Decedent in at the time of death:

Type of Custody: Pre-Custodial Use of Force

Specific type of custody/facility:

Specific Type of Custody/Facility:

Custody of Law Enforcement Personnel during/fleeing 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:

Assault on a Peace Officer

Offense 2:

Resisting Arrest

Offense 3:

Protective Custody

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:

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?: Yes (select all that apply)

Ways Decedent Attempted To Injure Others: Injured law enforcement personnel

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?: Unknown

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?:	Yes
Physically attempt/assault officer(s):	Yes	Gain possession of officer's weapon:	No
Verbally threaten other(s) including law:	No	Escape or attempt to escape/flee custody:	Yes
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 Monday, March 28, 2022, at approximately 6:54 PM, I, Officer Aaron C. Gonzalez, was dispatched to 2293 N. Veterans Blvd. Apt. 10 in reference to a welfare concern on a shirtless male subject yelling by said location.
As I was en-route, Officer Angel Cisneros relayed via radio that he observed a male subject matching description on the 2200 block of N. Veterans Blvd. A few seconds after said transmission, Officer Angel Cisneros requested assistance.
Upon arrival, I observed a male subject later identified as Raul Mata holding and leaning onto a metal traffic sign pole (JCT Spur 216). I approached Raul and asked him, “What’s going on sir. How are you doing? Que es lo que le pasa?” Raul further stated, “Nose lo que me esta pasando!” Raul further stated the word “Yo” multiple times while pointing his left index finger between Officer Angel Cisneros and I. Raul would fail to make eye contact with either officer as he continued to point his finger at an unknown entity. I offered Raul with medical attention, to which he failed to respond to the question. Raul further told me, “No me cambies la

voz!" Raul then stated, "Yo te estoy diciendo que no miro!" Raul displayed erratic behavior as officers attempted to help him. At that point, Raul displayed paranoia and appeared to be in a delirium state.
I then observed redness, scratches, and dried blood on Raul's chest and abdomen. As Raul continued to hold onto the metal pole, I observed dried blood within the fingernails of his left hand. Raul also displayed blood in his mouth and breathed heavily for an unknown reason. Raul further made a statement that I could not understand due to his mumbled dialogue. Raul made a hand gesture as if he was holding a cellphone and stated, "El telefono!" I advised Raul that I did not have a cellphone, to which he stated, "Si, si, si." I again asked Raul, "What happened?" Raul further asked me, "Que ise yo, que?" Raul continued to display fluctuations in his mental state. When I again advised Raul that I needed to know what happened to him, he turned southbound and attempted to run away as if heading towards the busy highway. Due to Raul's unstable behavior, I yelled, "Hey!" causing for him to turn his body towards me displaying aggression and/or confusion. As I attempted to grab Raul's right arm in order to detain him for his safety and/or others, he stumbled and fell backwards onto the ground taking Officer Angel Cisneros and I with him. Once Raul was on the ground, he began to scream, kick, and tried to push our hands/body away from him by utilizing his open hands and moving them from side to side. Officer Angel Cisneros and I attempted to place Raul faced down in order to place his arms behind his back. Due to Raul's resistance towards officers', we rolled onto the asphalt of the outside lane of the 2200 block of N. Veterans Blvd.
As Raul was laid on his right side, Officer Angel Cisneros was able to place one hand restraint on him while I advised Eagle Pass Dispatch that we had a male subject resisting. Officer Angel Cisneros placed the secured right arm behind Raul's back, I then attempted to place his left arm behind his back, but continued resisting by placing his arm in a bent upward position. Raul then managed to get onto his knees, where I grabbed him by the chest pulling him back further landing on top of me. As Raul continued to resist, I advised him multiple times to stop resisting. Raul again was placed faced down in the asphalt in an attempt to place hand restraints on his left wrist. A civilian later identified as, Alex Campos arrived on scene and assisted officers by grabbing and holding onto Raul's legs. Retired Officer Joel Perez also arrived on scene and assisted officers by holding Raul down while officers attempted to place the hand restraints. After a continued resistance with Raul, his left arm was placed behind his back and secured with the hand restraints. The reasonable amount of force was utilized on Raul in order to subdue him for his safety and/or others.
Officer Angel Cisneros further advised me that Raul had bitten his finger. While Raul was on hand restraints, he continued to kick and attempt to limp himself up, where he was again advised to stop resisting. Officer Angel Cisneros, Alex, Joel, and I grabbed Raul and attempted to lift him up to his feet and escort him into a patrol unit, which his body then turned limp making it difficult for officers to secure him inside the patrol unit. Officer Angel Cisneros further advised me that Raul had passed out, further placing him on his left side in a recovery position. At that point, I requested Emergency Medical Services (EMS). A few seconds after EMS was requested, Raul gained consciousness further yelling, kicking, and attempted to lift himself up with aggression. Raul was advised to stop resisting, to which he would not comprehend what was being told to him. In an attempt to avoid Raul from getting up and further injuring himself and/or others, I placed my left knee in between Raul's left arm and shoulder blade.
I then observed that Raul went in and out of consciousness as his chest continued to rise up and down showing breathing signs. Detective Eduardo Menchaca, Detective Esmeralda Lopez, K9 Officer Macario de Alba, and a Texas State Trooper arrived at location to assist. As Alex and I attempted to place Raul onto his feet, he yelled and stiffened his body backwards not allowing to properly place him on his feet. Detective Eduardo Menchaca assisted me with trying to lift Raul off the asphalt, where he (Raul) continued to kick not allowing officers to assist in lifting him up. Due to Raul's continuous resistance and aggression towards officers, Raul was placed faced down in order for him to calm down. Alex further stated that Raul had gone unconscious once again.
Raul was lifted and placed on the curb in the sitting position, where Detective Eduardo attempted to gain a pain reaction by rubbing the upper back. Detective Eduardo Menchaca then switched to the chest where he conducted chest rubs while stating, "Breath, breath." Detective Eduardo Menchaca further instructed to remove the hand restraints off of Raul. I observed that Raul had urinated on himself as the hand restraints were being removed. Once the hand restraints were removed, Detective Eduardo Menchaca began conducting chest compressions on Raul. Detective Eduardo Menchaca further advised that Raul was breathing where he (Raul) was placed on his left side in a recovery position. As units awaited for EMS, Raul was still placed in a recovery position where I conducted a head tilt chin lift for better breathing position.
I then asked his family members (unidentified at the time), if Raul had any conditions, to which they stated that he had diabetes and high blood pressure. At approximately 7:06 PM, EMS arrived on scene. EMS personnel lifted and placed Raul on a stretcher further escorting him into the interior of the ambulance. Raul was turned over to EMS custody who later transported him to the Fort Duncan Regional Medical Center for further treatment. Throughout the beginning of the struggle with Raul and after turning him over to EMS custody, Raul was told approximately twenty-seven times to stop resisting.

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Raul was transferred to the Fort Duncan Regional Hospital via ambulance where he passed away.