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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	22-936-CJ	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	3/28/2023 9:21 AM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Aransas County Sheriff's Dept.	Agency Address:	301 N. Live Oak St.
Agency City:	Rockport	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	78382		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	William
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Mills		
Reporter Name:	Armando Chapa	Reporter Email:	achapa@aransascounty.org

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Gary

Middle Name: Brandon

Last Name: Noonan

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 7/17/1952 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 69

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 7/13/2022 8:26 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 7/13/2022 9:11 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:

CONCLUSION:
Based upon the autopsy findings, case history and investigative information available to us at the time of this report, it is our opinion that Gary Brandon Noonan, a 69 year old white male, died as a result of hypertensive arteriosclerotic cardiovascular disease (narrowing of the blood vessels and changes related to high blood pressure) and ischemic bowel (lack of blood flow to the intestines).
CAUSE OF DEATH: Hypertensive arteriosclerotic cardiovascular disease & ischemic bowel
OPINION ON MANNER OF DEATH: Natural

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?:	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:	811 East Concho	City:	Rockport
County:	Aransas	Zip:	78382

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:	10/26/2022 11:00 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:

Aggravated Assault with a deadly weapon/ After sentencing, transported tot he detention center from court

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: 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: Unknown

At any time during the incident and/or entry into the law enforcement facility, did the decedent:

Attempt to Injure Others?: Unknown

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?:	Yes

At any time during the incident and/or entry into the law enforcement facility, did the decedent:

Barricade self or initiate standoff?:	Unknown	Resist being handcuffed or arrested?:	Unknown
Physically attempt/assault officer(s):	Unknown	Gain possession of officer's weapon:	No
Verbally threaten other(s) including law:	Unknown	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 July 13 2022, a death occurred at the Aransas County Detention Center. Inmate Gary Brandon Noonan was pronounced deceased at a local emergency room hospital in Rockport, Texas. After Mr. Noonan became ill, EMS were called to the detention center and arrived. Mr. Noonan was being prepared to be transported. Before EMS pulled away from the detention center and while sitting inside the ambulance, inside the salley port, Mr. Noonan lost consciousness. Detention Officer Burns who was inside the ambulance to leave to the hospital with the EMS personnel along with the EMS technicians began immediate life saving measures. Mr. Noonan arrived at the hospital where he then passed away. Justice of the Peace Diana McGinnis used the attending Physician’s time of death. Texas Department of Public Safety Texas Rangers were quickly notified. Texas Ranger Rodney Henderson arrived and began his investigation along with Aransas County Investigator, Rodney Cox. All initial indications are that Mr. Noonan died of natural causes; Judge McGinnis however had ordered an autopsy be performed to determine the exact cause of death.

On July 13 2022 at approx. 9:00pm, I received a telephone call from Sgt. Andrade who informed me of a medical emergency occurring at the detention center. Sgt. Andrade informed me; an inmate by the name of Gary Noonan had fallen ill and was being transported to the hospital for very low oxygen levels.Sgt. Andrade informed me he had contacted our on-call Nurse and then had instructed him to call EMS immediately.

Sgt. Andrade informed me EMS was already on the way and they would most likely be transporting him to a hospital in Corpus Christi, Texas. I asked Sgt. Andrade to keep me informed and finished my phone call with him. I then contacted Sheriff Mills and Chief Deputy, John Gutierrez of the ongoing situation. A few minutes later, Sgt. Andrade contacted me and informed Mr. Noonan's condition had worsened and was now being transported to a local emergency room hospital by EMS. At approximately 9:22, I received another call from Sgt. Andrade, telling me, Mr. Noonan had passed away. I contacted my Supervisors, alerted them, and left home to the detention center. I arrived at the detention center at 9:35pm.

When I arrived, I learned what had transpired from when Mr. Noonan became ill. I reviewed recorded video of Bravo-3 cell. In the video, Mr. Noonan is seen laying in his lower bunk. Mr. Noonan raised out of bed and appears in distress. Mr. Noonan is observed sitting up in his bunk with his feet on the floor, he then leans to his left side them forward and collapses onto the floor and onto the top of a plastic, inmate, property container.

Inmates are seen immediately coming to his aid and very shortly afterwards, Officer Melendez and Officer Smith are seen entering the cell to administer aid as well. Officers are seen on camera attempting to get Mr. Noonan's vital signs. Mr. Noonan is then placed into a wheel chair and is brought to the front main booking desk to await the arrival of EMS personnel. I was later informed Mr. Noonan had lost consciousness inside the salley port before the ambulance departed with him to the hospital. After arriving at the detention center, I was informed of Mr. Noonan's passing. Once it was announced Mr. Noonan had passed away, Chief Gutierrez contacted Texas Department of Public Safety Texas Rangers. Texas Ranger, Rodney Henderson arrived at the jail, began interviewing the on-duty Officers, and inspected the cell where Mr. Noonan had been housed. The investigation is ongoing and all reports will be collected. Justice of the Peace, Diana McGinnis requested an autopsy be performed on Mr. Noonan to determine the cause of death.