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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	23-1769-CJ	Version Type:	ORIGINAL VERSION
Report Date:	1/2/2024 1:10 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Lubbock Police Dept.	Agency Address:	PO BOX 2000
Agency City:	Lubbock	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	79457		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Chief	Director First Name:	Greg
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Rushin		
Reporter Name:	Ross Quarles	Reporter Email:	rquarles@mail.ci.lubbock.tx.us

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Manuel

Middle Name:

Last Name: Ochoa

Suffix: Jr

Date of Birth: 8/31/1982 Sex: Male

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 41

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 12/6/2023 4:17 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 12/6/2023 6:49 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 pending

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

Manner of Death: Suicide

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Asphyxiation. (apparent self-inflicted strangulation)

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?:	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:	3502 North Holly Avenue	City:	Lubbock
County:	Lubbock	Zip:	79403

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 - holding 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:	12/6/2023 4:29 AM

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:

Eluding arrest.

Offense 2:

Driving while license invalid.

Offense 3:

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: Other, specify

Type of Offense, Other:

Traffic violation, and subsequent charge of eluding arrest.

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:	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:	No

Summary of Incident

Summary of How the Death Occurred: (max. 30,000 characters)

Summary:

Officers observed Manuel Ochoa operating a vehicle and commit multiple traffic violations. Officers initiated a traffic stop and Manuel Ochoa eluded arrest for a short distance before stopping. Manuel Ochoa was then taken into custody and transported to the Lubbock County Detention Center for Eluding arrest and Driving while license invalid.

Upon arrival at the Lubbock County Detention Center, Manuel Ochoa was placed in a holding cell by himself in the pre-booking area. Officers worked on their booking paperwork and checked on him periodically.

At approximately 0542 hours, Manuel Ochoa was found unresponsive in the pre-booking holding cell from an apparent self-inflicted strangulation. Deputies with the Lubbock County Sheriffs Office performed life saving measures until EMS arrived. Manuel Ochoa was transported to University Medical Center where he was pronounced deceased at approximately 0649.