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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	23-189-CJ	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	4/28/2023 4:45 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	San Patricio County Sheriff's Dept.	Agency Address:	PO BOX 1382
Agency City:	Sinton	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	78387		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Oscar
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Rivera		
Reporter Name:	Cesar Brosig	Reporter Email:	cbrosig@sanpatriciocountytx.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Ramon

Middle Name: M

Last Name: Garcia

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 4/24/1960 Sex: Male

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 62

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 2/12/2023 4:40 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 2/15/2023 12:22 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:

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Appears to have been caused by choking on food. Waiting for official cause of death by Medical Examiner

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

Medical Treatment:	Yes

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?:	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:	Not applicable, cause of death was illness/natural cause

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address:	300 N. Rachal	City:	Sinton
County:	San Patricio	Zip:	78387

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:

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Jail - day room/recreation area

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:	2/7/2023 10:23 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:

MTR Aggravated Assault W/ Deadly Weapon

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: Other, specify

Type of Offense, Other:

Warrant Arrest for Motion To Revoke on the charge of Aggravated Assault W/ Deadly Weapon

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):	Unknown	Make suicidal statements?:	No
Exhibit any mental health problems?:	No	Exhibit any medical problems?:	Unknown

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:

Ramon Garcia was brought in to the San Patricio County Jail on February 7, 2023 at approximately 10:23 pm by a Taft Police Department Officer on a warrant for Motion To Revoke on a charge of Aggravated Assault W/ Deadly Weapon. On February 12, 2023 at approximately 1640 hours Correctional Officers were serving dinner. Inmates from F and G Block began to the hit the window and they indicated that someone in G Block was choking. One inmate performed the Heimlich Maneuver and some chicken flew out of Mr. Garcia's mouth. C.O. Brown continued Heimlich. Mr. Garcia then went to the floor and a nurse and C.O. began to pull chicken from Mr. Garcia's mouth as he laid on the floor. CPR was initiated shortly after. EMS was called and Mr. Garcia was transported to Portland E.R. in Portland Texas. From Portland E.R. Mr. Garcia was transported to Doctors Regional in Corpus Christi Texas where he was placed on life support. On February 15, 2023 at 12:22 pm Mr. Garcia was pronounced deceased at Doctors Regional Hospital in Corpus Christi Texas. ***Autopsy Results are still pending***

On April 21, 2023 I received via email the Report of Postmortem Examination. The Cause and Manner of Death states: Based on the autopsy findings, law enforcement reports including body camera footage, medical records, and toxicology results, it was my opinion that this 62-year-old man died as a result of complications of chocking. The manner of death was accident. Report by Timothy Fagen, D.O./ke Chief Medical Examiner and Rajesh P. Kannan, M.D. Deputy Chief Medical Examiner was in agreement with the findings, cause and manner of death.