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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	23-5-UF	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	6/12/2023 2:45 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Dallas Police Dept.	Agency Address:	1400 S. Botham Jean Blvd
Agency City:	Dallas	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	75215		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Chief	Director First Name:	Eddie
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Garcia		
Reporter Name:	Daniel Avalos	Reporter Email:	daniel.avalos@dallaspolice.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Manuel

Middle Name:

Last Name: Najera

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 9/16/1979 Sex: Male

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 43

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 1/3/2023 10:09 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 1/3/2023 11:19 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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Pending Toxicology Results. updated on 6-12-2023. Toxic effects of cocaine and ethanol. Hypertensive and atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease, diabetes mellitus, and obesity contributed to his death per Medical examiner findings.

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?: 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: Drug overdose

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address:	5122 Cardiff Street	City:	Dallas
County:	Dallas	Zip:	75217

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

Location Category: Residence/Home

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:

N/A

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:

N/A

Offense 2:

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: Medical / Mental Health assistance call

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): Yes

Make suicidal statements?: No

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

Resist being handcuffed or

standoff?:	No	arrested?:	Yes
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:	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 January 3, 2023 at about 10:00PM, Dallas Police patrol officers responded to a request to assist Dallas Fire Rescue (DFR) with a combative patient at 5122 Cardiff St. The subject's family called 9-1-1 due to their belief the subject was exhibiting bizarre behavior. DFR personnel encountered the subject at 5122 Cardiff. The subject's brother was also present at and was attempting to control the subject. DFR personnel requested assistance from Dallas Police who responded and attempted to handcuff the subject. Responding officers were able to place the subject in handcuffs with minimal force and he was subsequently placed on a stretcher and loaded into the DFR unit for transport. While enroute to Charlton Methodist Hospital, the subject went into cardiac arrest and was later pronounced deceased by the attending physician at 11:19PM. A Dallas Police officer who was riding in the DFR Unit captured video of the incident on his BWC.

Dallas County Medical Examiner performed and autopsy and the results are pending. The incident is being investigated by the Dallas Police Departments Special Investigations Unit and the Dallas County District Attorney's Office.