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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	23-561-CJ	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	7/17/2024 8:26 AM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Atascosa County Sheriff's Office	Agency Address:	1108 Campbell Ave.
Agency City:	Jourdanton	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	78026		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	David
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Soward		
Reporter Name:	Matthew Miller	Reporter Email:	matt.miller@acso-tx.org

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Nancy

Middle Name: Crystal

Last Name: Lopez

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 9/27/1984 Sex: Female

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 38

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 5/3/2023 7:07 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 5/5/2023 12:15 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 are available

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

Manner of Death: Natural

Medical Cause of Death:

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Toxicology is still pending. Autopsy was completed and there was no signs of trauma that would have caused her death. No significant issues with bruising found on the body. Dr. said most likely she got the bruises while having the seizures. No sign of disease but had a severely enlarged liver. If no history of seizure, then most likely it was a seizure induced from alcohol detox.

Autopsy report received 11/15/2023 by this office which states: it is the opinion, based on the investigative information available and the autopsy findings that Nancy Lopez, a 38 year old female, died due to multiple seizures complicating chronic ethanol use.

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

Medical Treatment:	Not Applicable

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:	Other, specify
Means of Death Other:	Possibly alcohol detox. Need toxicology results that are still pending.

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address:	1108 Campbell Ave.	City:	Jourdanton
County:	Atascosa	Zip:	78026

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:	5/2/2023 5:28 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:

Public Intoxication

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: Alcohol / drug 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?: 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?:	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?:	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:

On 05/02/2023 decedent was arrested and booked into the Atascosa County Jail for Public Intoxication. When deputies arrested decedent a EMS unit was contacted and made scene, decedent refused medical assistance. The Jail Nurse assessed decedent and accepted her into the facility. Decedent was placed in a detox cell initially then placed in a holding cell.

At around 5:17am 05/03/2023 decedent had what appeared to be a seizure while in the holding cell. Corrections Officers responded to the incident and placed decedent in a wheel chair, and put her in the open booking area while officers monitored her closely. Decedent was taken to the dress out area by officers due to her urinating on herself. After decedent was changed out, the shift supervisor made the decision to place the decedent in the safety cell. At approx. 6:00am decedent had what appeared to be another seizure. Decedent was watched closely by staff until she was moved from the safety cell at approx. 06:13am. Decedent appeared to be conscious moving her head and torso, while looking around the cell at approx. 06:35am. At around 07:03 decedent was sitting facing the door of the cell. At approx. 7:04am decedent appeared o have another seizure. At around 7:10am the shift supervisor called the day nurse to report the events involving decedent. At approx. 7:37am the day Jail Nurse checked on decedent. The nurse tried communicating with decedent and checked for a pulse and respirations. The nurse advised that decedent was not breathing and did not have a pulse. The nurse immediately asked officers to grab the AMBU bag

while also instructing officers to call for an EMS. The nurse and shift supervisor began life saving measures. EMS arrived at the jail and was in route to the local hospital at 8:04am. Decedent was released to family once at the hospital. On 05/05/2023 the Jail Administration was advised that decedent had passed away.