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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	23-995-CJ	Version Type:	ORIGINAL VERSION
Report Date:	8/9/2023 9:14 AM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Wise County Sheriff's Office	Agency Address:	200 Rook Ramsey Dr.
Agency City:	Decatur	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	76234		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Lane
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Akin		
Reporter Name:	Craig Johnson	Reporter Email:	johnsonc@sheriff.co.wise.tx.us

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: RAYMOND

Middle Name: HAROLD

Last Name: MARTINEZ

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 6/6/1953 Sex: Male

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 70

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 7/17/2023 11:31 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 7/25/2023 8:00 PM

Manner / Cause of Death

Has a medical examiner or coroner conducted an evaluation to determine a cause of death?

Medical Examiner/Coroner Evaluation?: No, evaluation not planned

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

Manner of Death: Natural

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

CIRRHOSIS OF LIVER

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?: 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:	200 Rook Ramsey	City:	Decatur
County:	Wise	Zip:	76234

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:	7/17/2023 11:43 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?:	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:

Violation of Probation Warrant - Driving While Intoxicated 3rd or More

Offense 2:

Offense 3:

Were the Charges::	A probation/parole violation

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):	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?:	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 07-17-2023, Wise County Deputies were dispatched to Wise County Adult Probation for a warrant service on Raymond Harold Martinez. Martinez was taken into custody and transported to the Wise County Jail without incident. Martinez was booked into jail without incident. During the booking process Martinez denied needing medical attention.

On 07-18-2023, Martinez’s medication was provided to the Wise County Jail.

On 07-21-2023, Martinez was found to have thrown up and soiled himself during the night. Martinez was observed by jail staff to be alert and able to take his prescribed medications. Martinez was added to the “Sick Call” list for 07-25-2023, to visit with a Nurse Practitioner.

On 07-23-2023, Martinez was moved to Holding cell #4 due to health observations and concerns with Martinez falling. Martinez’s health concerns could be more closely monitored while he was housed in the holding cell.

On 07-24-2023, Martinez was observed by jail staff to be responsive and able to take his medications without difficulty. However, Martinez soiled himself later the same day. Martinez was able to shower himself but needed help undressing and dressing. Jail staff kept Martinez in Holding cell #4 out of concern he may not be able to care for himself.

On 07-25-2023, at approximately 0625 hours, Martinez did not get up for breakfast. Jail staff checked Martinez and found him laying with his eyes open but breathing heavily. Jail staff notified the on-duty medical officer who responded to evaluate Martinez. The medical officer noted Martinez had glassy eyes and responded to attempts to communicate with him with groaning noises. Martinez’s blood pressure was found to be low. Wise County EMS was requested. Upon EMS arrival Martinez was transported to the Wise Regional Hospital Emergency Room via ambulance.

A review of the “Well-Being” cell check logs indicate Martinez was checked 178 times in holding cell #4 between 07-24-2023, at 0703 hours, and 07-25-2023, at 0643hours when Martinez was transported to the hospital. None of the 178 well-being checks were over 30 minutes apart. Only four were found to be in excess of 20 minutes. Those well-being checks were conducted approximately 24 minutes, 21 minutes, 22 minutes, and 20 minutes between well-being checks.

Due to Martinez’s apparent health condition a P.R. bond was requested. Once the P.R. bond was granted, Martinez was released from custody.

Throughout the evening Martinez’s condition deteriorated and Martinez passed away.

On 07-26-2023, Sheriff Lane Akin and Jail Administrator Dan Armstrong notified Texas Ranger Travis Dendy of Martinez’s death. Ranger Dendy responded and investigated Martinez’s death.

Ranger Dendy indicated Martinez presented at the hospital with liver failure, hepatitis C, and a GI bleed. There were no signs of trauma or foul play observed.

At the time of this report, Ranger Dendy’s report of his investigation is not complete. However, the final death certificate documenting Martinez's death indicated the manner of death was "Natural" and the cause of death was "CIRRHOSIS OF LIVER."