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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	24-1069-MJ	Version Type:	ORIGINAL VERSION
Report Date:	7/24/2024 3:28 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	University Park Police Dept.	Agency Address:	3800 University Blvd.
Agency City:	Dallas	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	75205		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Chief	Director First Name:	Bill
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Mathes		
Reporter Name:	Nelson Walter	Reporter Email:	nwalter@uptexas.org

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Jose

Middle Name: Carmen

Last Name: Gonzalez

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 7/16/1971 Sex: Male

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 52

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 6/20/2024 3:43 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 7/1/2024 4:18 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: Suicide

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Hanging

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?: 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:	3800 University Boulevard	City:	University Park
County:	Dallas	Zip:	75205

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:	Municipal 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:	6/20/2024 4:15 AM

Where did the death occur?

Death Location:	Law enforcement facility/booking center

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:

Possession Controlled Substance PG 1 <1G (HSC 481.115(b)), Possession of Drug Paraphernalia (HSC 481.125(b))

Offense 2:

Unlawful Possession of Firearm by Felon (PC 46.04(a))

Offense 3:

Warrant - Rockwall County SO - Dangerous Drugs, Warrant - Dallas County SO - Probation Violation Poss CS/Deadly Conduct

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; Other, specify

Type of Offense, Other:

Weapon Offense.
Reason for Contact: TX Transportation Code Offenses

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 06/20/2024 at approximately 3:20 AM, the University Park Police Department contacted and subsequently arrested Jose Carmen Gonzales for drug offenses, weapon offense, and outstanding warrants during a traffic stop. During the traffic stop, Gonzales reported a prior neck injury, and he displayed a lack of control for his breathing. Officers summoned the University Park Fire Department to check Gonzales' medical wellbeing. Fire Department personnel evaluated Gonzales. Fire Department personnel found him to possess stable vital signs and display no injuries before terminating their treatment as no care required. An officer transported Gonzales to the holding facility at the University Park Police Department for booking. During booking, an Officer completed a medical questionnaire, which included questions about suicidal ideation and history. Gonzales denied a history or intent to pursue suicide.

At approximately 12:13 PM, Gonzales attended an arraignment with the municipal judge. He returned to his holding cell from arraignment at approximately 12:23 PM. While inside his cell, Gonzales tore a strip of material from his blanket, created a ligature, secured it around his neck, secured the other end to the bunk bed, and used his body weight to hang himself. The event was captured on video surveillance cameras. Gonzales's hanging initiated at approximately 12:31 PM. An officer returned to his cell at approximately 12:39 PM for the purpose of completing court documents with Gonzales. The officer found Gonzales and immediately cut him from the ligature to release the pressure. University Park Fire Department responded to treat Gonzales, and they transported him to THR Dallas (Presbyterian) Hospital. Gonzales received treatment

in the neurological intensive care unit of the hospital until his death on 07/01/2024.

The University Park Police Department requested the Texas Rangers to investigate the death of Gonzales. Texas Ranger W. Gosser, Company B (Garland, TX) is the lead investigator for this death investigation (Case File #2024-I-TRB-50129498). The University Park Police Department also notified the Public Integrity Unit of the Dallas County District Attorney's Office of the death.