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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	24-1089-CJ	Version Type:	ORIGINAL VERSION
Report Date:	7/29/2024 2:28 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Ector County Sheriff's Ofc.	Agency Address:	2500 S. Highway 385
Agency City:	Odessa	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	79761		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Michael
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Griffis		

Reporter Name:	Randy Dominguez	Reporter Email:	randy.dominguez@ectorcountysheriff.us

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Joe

Middle Name: Daniel

Last Name: Miranda

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 6/28/1974 Sex: Male

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 50

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 7/20/2024 5:45 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 7/21/2024 4:08 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 pending

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

Manner of Death: Pending autopsy results

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Subject was found unresponsive in cell. Medical cause of Death is unknown at this time.

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

Medical Treatment: No

If death was an accident, homicide or suicide, who caused the death?

Who caused the death?: Unknown whether decedent sustained a fatal injury

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: Unknown

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address:	2500 S. US Hwy 385	City:	Odessa
County:	Ector	Zip:	79763

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 - single 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:	7/20/2024 5:45 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?:	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:

Criminal Trespass Habitation

Offense 2:

Resist Arrest Search or Transport

Offense 3:

Failure to Identify

Were the Charges:: Filed

What were the types of charges or reason for contact? (Hold CTRL to select all that apply)

Type of Offense: Crime Against Property

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?:	Unknown	Exhibit any medical problems?:	No

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:	No

Summary of Incident

Summary of How the Death Occurred: (max. 30,000 characters)

Summary:

Mr. Joe Daniel Miranda was arrested by the Odessa Police Department on 07-20-2024 at 0545hrs. Mr. Miranda was arrested for the criminal offense of Criminal Trespass of a Habitation, Resist arrest search or transport, Failure to Identify, and Public Intoxication. Mr. Miranda was walked into the Jail where he was seen by Jail staff. Mr. Miranda was accepted in the facility, and appeared to be under the influence of an intoxicating substance. Upon contact with the Jail staff they noticed Mr. Miranda was not speaking intelligently and was not speaking in full sentences. Mr. Miranda was uncompliant with the Jail staff during the booking process. Mr. Miranda was escorted to the finger printing area where he began to be uncompliant to the point he needed to be physically restrained. Jail staff had to place Mr. Miranda in a chair and place shackles on his feet to keep him from kicking. Once he completed the finger print process he was placed in a padded cell in the booking area, for his own safety. Mr. Miranda was in the padded cell for 22hrs. During this time he was monitored by Jail staff every 25 minutes. Jail staff checked on him and observed he was unresponsive and entered the cell to check his condition. Mr. Miranda was unresponsive, at which time life saving measures were administered. Jail staff called 911 which medics arrived and took over the life saving measures. Medics transported Mr. Miranda to Medical Center Hospital where he succumbed to his medical issues. Texas Rangers were called and responded to the Jail. Rangers began the investigation at his time. Mr. Miranda was sent for autopsy.