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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	24-1199-CJ	Version Type:	ORIGINAL VERSION
Report Date:	8/15/2024 2:43 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Bexar County Sheriff's Office	Agency Address:	200 N. Comal
Agency City:	San Antonio	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	78207		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Javier
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Salazar		
Reporter Name:	gary wigal	Reporter Email:	gary.wigal@bexar.org

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Jose

Middle Name: Alejandro

Last Name: Barrera

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 8/28/1961 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 62

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 12/15/2023 6:06 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 8/13/2024 2:37 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: Homicide (includes Justifiable Homicide)

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Strangulation

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?:	Other detainee(s)

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?:	Unknown

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:	Stangulation - investigation ongoing to determine "how".

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address:	200 N. Comal	City:	San Antonio
County:	Bexar	Zip:	78207

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 - multiple occupancy 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:	12/15/2023 6:06 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?: 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:

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Offense 2:

Offense 3:

Were the Charges:: Filed

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

Type of Offense: Violent Crime Against Persons

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?: Unknown

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 August 13, 2024, at approximately 1358 hours, there was a deputy request for assistance was initiated in unit CI, cell #08 due to an incident involving inmate Collins, Christopher #737464 (CI08) and inmate McGruder, Anthony #1093739 (CI08). Dep. Mireles reported that once both inmates were escorted out of the cell, he returned to the cell to begin inventorying both inmates' personal property. Dep. Mireles reported that when he entered CI08, an inmate told him to check on inmate, to whom he was pointing to and was later identified as Barrera, Jose Alejandro #708278, because he was also assaulted by inmate McGruder. Dep. Mireles reported that he went over to inmate Barrera and observed him lying on his back, was covered up to his neck with a bedsheet. Dep. Mireles stated that he did not observe any movement and the inmate was unresponsive; then, he pulled the sheet down to check for breathing to which he did not observe any breathing. Dep. Mireles reported that he, immediately, went to the unit's picket and called a CODE 1 Blue (Medical Emergency) via unit phone. The CODE 1 Blue was called at 1403 hours. The SERT responded and they grabbed the mattress and placed inmate Barrera onto the floor; SERT Deputy Eric Rodriguez #5603 began chest compressions until University Health Medical personnel arrived and took over chest compressions and life-saving measures. At approximately 1416 hours, San Antonio Fire Department EMTs arrived and took over life saving measures until he was pronounced deceased. At approximately 1437 hours, inmate Barrera was pronounced deceased per University Hospital Medical Director Dr. Harper.