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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	24-1207-CJ	Version Type:	ORIGINAL VERSION
Report Date:	8/15/2024 3:20 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: Michael

Middle Name: Shane

Last Name: Zoch

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 7/24/1992 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 32

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 7/11/2024 10:52 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 8/14/2024 1:21 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: Suicide

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Asphyxia by hanging

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?:	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:	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:	7/11/2024 2:15 PM

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:

Parole Violation

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: Other, specify

Type of Offense, Other:

Unspecified violation of parole

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?: No

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?:	Unknown
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 14, 2024, AE unit Deputy Mendoza, Michael #5621 reported that due to inmate Zoch, Michael #1200007 (AE33) not responding to him when he tried to get a hold of inmate Zoch via intercom and also, he was due for a welfare check: at approximately 1305 when Deputy Mendoza arrived at his cell (AE33) he noticed a makeshift clothesline coming from the ceiling. Deputy Mendoza entered the unit and noticed inmate on the floor in the sitting position with a makeshift clothesline around his neck. At approximately 1302 Deputy Mendoza initiated an officer request for assistance (Code 2) and immediate medical emergency (Code 1 Blue) via radio. SERT Team arrived in unit entry. Deputy Mendoza ran back downstairs to open the door for the SERT Team. SERT Team immediately ran to cell AE33 and cut the line that was attached from the top bunk then cut the line that was around inmates' neck utilizing their assigned rescue tool. Due to inmate appearing to be unresponsive SERT then placed inmate in the middle of the cell face up and started chest compression (life saving measures). Medical staff then arrived in the unit and took over life saving measures. Fire and EMS soon arrived and took over life saving measures. Inmate did not respond to life saving measures. At approximately 1321 SAFD Dr Winkler pronounced inmate Zoch deceased