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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	24-1235-CJ	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	8/22/2024 9:45 AM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Dallas County Sheriff's Dept.	Agency Address:	133 N. Riverfront Blvd.
Agency City:	Dallas	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	75207		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Marian
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Brown		
Reporter Name:	TERESA HERNANDEZ	Reporter Email:	tahernandez@dallascounty.org

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Jose

Middle Name: Guadalupe

Last Name: Galarza

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 9/1/1972 Sex: Male

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 51

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 3/21/2024 12:00 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 8/13/2024 6:53 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: Accidental

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Complications of blunt force injuries due to a fall.

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:	5200 Harry Hines Blvd.	City:	Dallas
County:	Dallas	Zip:	75235

What location category best describes where the event causing the death occurred?

Location Category: Other, specify

Other Location Category:

Parkland Memorial Hospital.

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:

Entry Date Time N/A: ☑

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:

Driving While Intoxicated 3rd or more

Offense 2:

Collision Involving Serious Bodily Injury

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: 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?: Unknown

At any time during the incident and/or entry into the law enforcement facility, did the decedent:

Appear intoxicated (alcohol or drugs):	Unknown	Make suicidal statements?:	Unknown
Exhibit any mental health problems?:	Unknown	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):	Unknown	Gain possession of officer's weapon:	Unknown
Verbally threaten other(s) including law:	No	Escape or attempt to escape/flee custody:	No
Attempt gain possession officer's weapon:	Unknown		

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 March 21, 2024, at approximately 12:00 a.m., Carrollton Police Department arrested the Decedent (Jose Guadalupe Galarza W/M 09-01-1972) and booked him into the Dallas County Jail for Collision Involving Serious Bodily Injury and Driving while Intoxicated 3rd or more.
On August 13, 2024, at approximately 2:41 p.m., the Decedent was transported and admitted to Parkland Memorial Hospital for medical treatment. At Parkland Memorial Hospital the Decedent was being treated for a possible seizure and high blood pressure.
On August 13, 2024, at approximately 6:53 p.m., Parkland Memorial Hospital, Doctor Dale Butler pronounced the Decedent deceased. Doctor Butler determined the cause of death was due to heart failure.

Southwestern Institute of Forensic Sciences at Dallas
Autopsy Report

FINDINGS:
I. Blunt force injuries due to a fall.
II. Hypertensive and atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease.
III. Clinical history of diabetes mellitus.
IV. Clinical history of atrial fibrillation.
V. Attempted resuscitation.
VI. History that the decedent was an inmate, who reportedly collapsed in his jail cell. The decedent was moved to a medical monitoring area and was being checked frequently. He reportedly started having suspected stroke-like symptoms and was transported to an area hospital. The decedent became unstable and unresponsive while being evaluated at the hospital and was unable to be resuscitated.

CONCLUSIONS:

Based on the case history and autopsy findings, it is my opinion that Jose Guadalupe Galarza, a 51-year-old male, died as a result of complications of blunt force injuries due to a fall. Hypertensive and atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease and diabetes mellitus contributed to the death.

MANNER OF DEATH: Accident.

Stephen M. Lenfest, M.D.
Medical Examiner
11/04/2024