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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	24-1319-CJ	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	9/6/2024 11:40 AM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Victoria County Sheriff's Office	Agency Address:	101 N. Glass
Agency City:	Victoria	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	77901		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Justin
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Marr		
Reporter Name:	Joseph Randolph	Reporter Email:	jrandolph@vctx.org

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Julian

Middle Name:

Last Name: Alaniz

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 10/11/1997 Sex: Male

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 26

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 4/24/2024 8:33 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 9/5/2024 10:30 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:

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The inmate was found hanging in his cell. he was assigned to a single person cell. An autopsy was ordered, will update report when we receive the finding.

The Fort Bend County Medical Examiner determined the death was suicide 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:	101 North Glass Street	City:	Victoria
County:	Victoria	Zip:	77901

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:	4/24/2024 8:33 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:

ASSAULT FAMILY/HOUSEHOLD MEMBER W/ PREV CONV

Offense 2:

OBSTRUCTION OR RETALIATION

Offense 3:

ABNDN/ENDANGR CHLD INDV INT/KNOW/RECK/CRIM NEG

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):	Yes	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?:	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 09/05/2024 at approximately 2145 Hrs., Detention Officer Alexander Halepaska was conducting the 30 minute cell observation checks for the Administrative Segregation cells at the Victoria County Jail. As Detention Officer Halepaska was checking cell 1012, which is assigned to Inmate Julian Alaniz, H/M, D.O.B. 10/11/1997, he noticed Inmate Alaniz to be suspended from a light fixture in the cell with a sheet tied around his neck. Officer Halepaska immediately called for assistance. Once additional Officers arrived, entry was made into the cell. The officers were able to take Inmate Alaniz down and remove the ligature from around his neck and began to perform life saving measures along with the jails medical personnel.

Victoria EMS was notified and responded and began life saving measures and then transported Inmate Alaniz to Citizens Medical Center ER in Victoria, Texas.

Inmate Alaniz was pronounced deceased at 2230 Hrs. on 09/05/2024 by the Emergency Room Physician at Citizens Medical Center.

The Texas Rangers were contacted. Ranger Randall Woodard and J. Schultz will be conducting the investigation of the In-Custody Death and notifying Inmate Alaniz's family of his death.

The cell observation checks for Inmate Alaniz were within compliance of the Texas Commission on Jail Standards.