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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	24-1538-CJ	Version Type:	ORIGINAL VERSION
Report Date:	11/14/2024 5:53 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Starr County Juvenile Probation Department	Agency Address:	401 N. Britton Ave., #306
Agency City:	Rio Grande City	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	78582		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Chief	Director First Name:	Doralisa
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Saenz		
Reporter Name:	Doralisa Saenz	Reporter Email:	dsaenz@co.starr.tx.us

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Axel

Middle Name: Alberto

Last Name: Pena

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 4/23/2008 Sex: Male

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 16

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 9/10/2024 9:57 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 10/20/2024 7:56 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: Suicide

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Cardiac arrest due to hanging (Starr County Memorial Hospital information)

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?: 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:	401 N. Britton Ave, #100	City:	Rio Grande City
County:	Starr	Zip:	78582

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

Location Category: Other, specify

Other Location Category:

Juvenile Detention Center

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: 9/10/2024 9:57 AM

Where did the death occur?

Death Location: Dead on arrival at 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:

Unlawfully Carrying a Weapon

Offense 2:

Evading Arrest

Offense 3:

Possession of Marijuana

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:

Unlawful carrying of weapon

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: Unknown

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?:	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:	Yes
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:

Juvenile A. A. P. was found in his cell with bed sheet tied to light fixture and around his neck. Juvenile was transported via ambulance to Starr County Memorial Hospital where he was pronounced dead on arrival. Medical team continued to attempt to resuscitate for 45 minutes; to no avail. Juvenile was pronounced deceased on October 20, 2024 at 7:56 p.m.