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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	24-157-C	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	2/8/2024 12:59 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Hidalgo County Sheriff's Dept.	Agency Address:	PO BOX 1228
Agency City:	Edinburg	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	78540		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Jose
Director Middle Name:	E		
Director Last Name:	Guerra		
Reporter Name:	Tony Garza	Reporter Email:	tony.garza@hidalgoso.org

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Guillermo

Middle Name: Rosalio

Last Name: Rojas

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 10/8/1984 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 39

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 1/12/2024 2:02 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 1/12/2024 3:31 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 are available

What was the manner of death? (select only one)

Manner of Death: Could not be determined

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Cardiopulmonary arrest while in restraints and following a struggle in an individual with acute cocaine intoxication and cardiomyopathy.

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?:	Unknown whether decedent sustained a fatal injury

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?:	Could not be determined

If death was an accident, homicide or suicide, what was the means of death?

Means of Death:	Other, specify
Means of Death Other:	Cardiopulmonary arrest while in restraints and following a struggle in an individual with acute cocaine intoxication and cardiomyopathy.

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address:	24526 Beach St.	City:	Edcouch
County:	Hidalgo	Zip:	78539

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

Location Category: Residence/Home

What type of custody/facility was the Decedent in at the time of death:

Type of Custody: Police Custody (pre-booking)

Specific type of custody/facility:

Specific Type of Custody/Facility:

Hospital/Infirmary

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: 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:
Injury to a Child	
	Offense 2:
	Offense 3:
Were the Charges::	Not filed at time of death

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

Type of Offense:	Crimes Against Child(ren)

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?:	Yes (select all that apply)
Ways Decedent Attempted To	Attempted to injure civilian(s) or other

Injure Others:	inmate(s)

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?:	Unknown
Exhibit any mental health problems?:	Yes	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?:	Yes
Physically attempt/assault officer(s):	No	Gain possession of officer's weapon:	No
Verbally threaten other(s) including law:	Unknown	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:	Yes, mark which restraint devices were used

Type of restraint

Type of Restraint:	Handcuffs; Leg Shackles

Summary of Incident

Summary of How the Death Occurred: (max. 30,000 characters)

Summary:

On Friday, January 12, 2024 at approximately 2:02 am Hidalgo County Sheriff's Deputies were dispatched to west of Mile 7 West Road on Farm to Market Road 2812, north on Beach Street to numeric address of 24526 Beach Street in rural Edcouch, Hidalgo County, Texas, for a reported Domestic Dispute call that was later reclassified as an Injury to a Child.

Hidalgo County Sheriff's Deputies were dispatched to the address of 24526 Beach Street for a report of an adult male who had taken his infant child and would not let the child go. Deputies were told that the child was in danger of being injured by the male, who was later identified as the infant child's father, Guillermo Rojas. Family members of Guillermo Rojas attempted to take the child from its father, Guillermo Rojas but were unable to do so. Guillermo Rojas laid on top of the child with his body at which time Guillermo Rojas step son struck him on the head with a metal pipe wrench. Guillermo Rojas then got up and off his infant child and began to chase his step son around the neighborhood until Hidalgo County Sheriff's Deputies arrived on scene.

After a brief struggle Hidalgo County Sheriff's Deputies were able to detain Guillermo Rojas using handcuffs and Leg shackles. Sheriff's Deputies noticed that Guillermo Rojas had been injured so Emergency Medical Services, who had been staging nearby were advised to proceed to the incident location. While Emergency Medical Services were attempting to load Guillermo Rojas for transport, they noticed he was unresponsive, handcuffs were then removed.

Guillermo Rojas was transported to the Doctors Hospital at Renaissance where his time of death was ruled at 3:31am. This case was turned over to the Texas Rangers for further investigation.

On Tuesday, February 25, 2025, autopsy results for Guillermo Rojas were received. Cause of death was ruled to be cardiopulmonary arrest while in restraints and following a struggle in an individual with acute cocaine intoxication and cardiomyopathy. Manner of death was undetermined.