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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

# CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

## Agency Information

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| CDR Number: | 24-163-MJ | Version Type: | ORIGINAL VERSION |
| Report Date: | 2/9/2024 4:52 PM | Status: | Submitted |

### Agency/Facility Information

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| Agency Name: | Mission Police Dept. | Agency Address: | 1200 E. 8th Street |
| Agency City: | Mission | Agency State: | TX |
| Agency Zip: | 78572 | | |

### Director Information

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| Director Salutation: | Chief | Director First Name: | Cesar |
| Director Middle Name: | | | |
| Director Last Name: | Torres | | |
| Reporter Name: | David Meza | Reporter Email: | dmeza0295@missiontexas.us |

## Decedent Information

### Identity of Deceased

First Name: Karina

Middle Name:

Last Name: Peralez

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 9/28/1987 Sex: Female

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 36

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 2/6/2024 1:02 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 2/7/2024 9:40 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: Pending autopsy results

## Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Autopsy Report is Pending.

## 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: Unknown

# Location / Custody Information

### Where did the event causing the death occur?

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| Street Address: | 1200 E. 8th St. | City: | Mission |
| County: | Hidalgo | Zip: | 78572 |

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

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| Location Category: | Law Enforcement Facility |

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

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| Type of Custody: | Municipal Jail |

### Specific type of custody/facility:

| Specific Type of Custody/Facility: |
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| Jail - holding 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):

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| Entry Date Time: | 2/6/2024 1:02 AM |

### Where did the death occur?

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| Death Location: | Medical facility |

## General Information

### Did any other law enforcement agencies respond to calls for service related to this incident?

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| 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:

Possession of Controlled Substance Penalty Group 1 State Jail Felony

Offense 2:

Possession of Controlled Substance Penalty Group 3 Class A Misdemeanor

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; Other, specify

Type of Offense, Other:

Outstanding Municipal Warrants

## 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:

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| Appear intoxicated (alcohol or drugs): | Unknown | Make suicidal statements?: | Unknown |
| Exhibit any mental health problems?: | Unknown | Exhibit any medical problems?: | Unknown |

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

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| 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?

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| Under Restraint: | No |

# Summary of Incident

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

Summary:

On 02/06/2024 at approximately 12:55 AM, a Mission Police Officer was dispatched to the area of Shary Rd and Griffin Parkway (FM 495), in reference to gunshots heard in the area. Once the Officer arrived at the location, he observed a vehicle on the side of the road (2900 block of N. Shary Rd.) having possible mechanical problems since it had its emergency hazard lights on.

The officer proceeded to check on a female that was standing outside by the vehicle. The female was identified as Karina Peralez (DOB 09/28/1987), a warrant check was conducted on said female and the officer was advised that she had outstanding municipal warrants totaling $917.47. The female was placed under arrest and taken to the Mission city jail. As the female was being transported to the city jail, the officer noticed that she was moving alot in the rear seat, as if to be attempting to conceal something.

Once at the city jail, the officer requested that a female officer come to the jail on order to conduct a search of the female. Once the search was done, the female had concealed several Xanax pills in her shoe and a clear plastic baggie of what appeared to be methamphetamine was also located concealed on her body. Said female was being uncooperative throughout the search and refused to put on her leggings so she was left without clothing from her waist down.

After leaving her in the jail cell alone, the jailers went to check on her approximately 15-20 minutes later and found her with her leggings wrapped around her neck. The jailers entered the jail cell, removed the leggings from her neck and began to administer chest compressions. An ambulance was sent to the jail area and the female was transported to Mission Hospital. The female was declared brain dead and the family made the decision to have her disconnected from life support. Female was pronounced deceased at 9:40AM on 02/07/2024.