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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	24-539-CJ	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	4/25/2024 2:00 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Bexar County Sheriff's Office	Agency Address:	200 N. Comal
Agency City:	San Antonio	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	78207		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Javier
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Salazar		
Reporter Name:	gary wigal	Reporter Email:	gary.wigal@bexar.org

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Duane

Middle Name:

Last Name: Ventimiglia

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 6/5/1983 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 40

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 4/13/2024 9:51 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 4/18/2024 9:47 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: Accidental

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Sequelae of combined and chronic intravenous drug use with hypertensive cardiovascular disease

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?: 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?: Pre-existing medical condition

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

Means of Death: Other, specify

Means of Death Other: chronic intravenous drug use

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address:	200 N. Comal	City:	San Antonio
County:	Bexar	Zip:	78207

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:	4/13/2024 9:51 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:

CRIMINAL TRESPASS - PR

Offense 2:

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: Crime Against Property

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): No

Make suicidal statements?: No

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:

Barricade self or initiate

Resist being handcuffed or

standoff?:	No	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 04/18/24 at approximately 0852 hours, at the Bexar Count Adult Detention Center, Unit BD Dep. M. Bernhard #224 conducted an observation check at cell 27. Assigned to cell BD27 was inmate Ventimiglia, Duane #1015480. Dep. Bernhard stated that he observed inmate Ventimiglia sitting on his bunk and he (Deputy Bernhard) asked the inmate what his uniform size was and inmate Ventimiglia responded. Dep. Bernhard reported that he completed the observation check for the entire unit. Afterwards he returned to BD27 to the give the inmate a new uniform. He reported that he knocked on the door and told him to come to the tray slot (to retrieve uniform). He reported that he observed the inmate with his head down and when he continued to not respond to him, he entered the cell. When Deputy Bernhard entered the cell, he approached the inmate and asked if he was okay, felt his neck for a pulse to which there was none. Dep. Bernhard reported that he told his partner, Deputy Jaydon Yanas #5628 to initiate a CODE 1 Blue. Dep. Bernhad reported that he pulled the inmate to the floor and began chest compressions until University Hospital medical personnel arrived and took over life saving measures. Minutes later, San Antonio Fire Department EMTs arrived and took over life saving measures. Life saving measures were deemed unsuccessful and Inmate Ventimiglia was pronounced deceased on 04/18/24 at 0947 hours per University Hospital Medical Director Dr. Winckler.