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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	24-995-CJ	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	7/9/2024 1:45 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:	Robert Quait	Reporter Email:	robert.quait@hidalgoso.org

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Oscar

Middle Name:

Last Name: Lopez

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 4/8/1984 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: 2/9/2024 5:04 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 2/10/2024 12:02 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: Natural

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Oscar Lopez was booked in to the Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office Adult Detention Center on February 6, 2024. Oscar Lopez was transported to the South Texas Health System Hospital on February 10, 2024 as he was having trouble breathing.

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?: Not applicable

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: Not applicable, cause of death was illness/natural cause

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address: 1900 D Street
City: McAllen
County: Hidalgo
Zip: 78503

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

Location Category: Other, specify

Other Location Category:

Heart Hospital

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:

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: 7/9/2024 12:52 PM

Where did the death occur?

Death Location: 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:

Smuggling of Persons

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: Other, specify

Type of Offense, Other:

Smuggling of 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?: Unknown

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

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:

Barricade self or initiate standoff?:	No	Resist being handcuffed or arrested?:	Unknown
Physically attempt/assault officer(s):	Unknown	Gain possession of officer's weapon:	No
Verbally threaten other(s) including law:	Unknown	Escape or attempt to escape/flee custody:	Unknown
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:

Inmate Oscar Lopez was booked into the Hidalgo County Adult Detention Center by the Texas Department of Public Safety for the offense of Smuggling of Persons. Inmate Lopez was transported to the South Texas Health System Heart Hospital with trouble breathing at about 9:34 pm on February 9, 2024. Hidalgo County Deputy met with hospital staff who said that inmate Lopez had coded 3 times while in their care before becoming unresponsive at 11:43 pm. Hospital staff contacted the Justice of the Peace Jason Pena who ruled time of death at 12:02 am, February 10, 2024. ordering an autopsy be performed. Texas Department of Public Safety, Ranger Esteban Martinez was notified.

Cause of Death ruled of natural causes