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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

PA Number:	PA16020C	Report Date:	1/27/2016 5:01 PM
Status:	Submitted		

Agency/Facility Information

Department ID:	751	Department Type:	POLICE
Agency Name:	San Antonio Police Dept.	Agency Number:	TXSPD0000
Agency Phone:	2102077360	Agency Address:	315 South Santa Rosa
Agency City:	San Antonio	Agency County:	Bexar
Agency State:	TX	Agency Zip:	78207

Director Information

Director Salutation:

Chief

Director First Name:

Anthony

Director Middle Name:

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Director Last Name:

Trevino, Jr.

Reporter Name: J. Espinoza #2528 Reporter Email: juan.espino@sanantonio.gov

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address: 1305 SW Loop 410

City: San Antonio

County: Bexar

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:

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Custody of Peace Officer subsequent to arrest

Custody Type Facility:

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: At medical facility

Death Location Elsewhere:

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Arvell

Middle Name:

Last Name: Howell

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 10/20/1975 Sex: Male

Ethnicity: African-American

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

Death Date and Time: 1/13/2016 11:57 AM

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident:

1/8/2016 10:57 PM

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:

Alcohol/Drug Intoxication

Manner of Death Description:

Death Reason:

Medical condition only (e.g. heart attack)

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Believed to be an overdose of heroin - pending autopsy report

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?:

Deceased

Death Causer Other:

If a weapon caused the death, what type of weapon caused the death? (mark all that apply)

Type of Death Weapon:

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?:

Don\'t know

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

Means of Death:

Drug overdose

General Information

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:

Poss CS PG1 1 < 4 grams

Offense 2:

Offense 3:

Were the Charges::

Not filed at time of death

What were the types of charges or reason for contact?

Type of Offense:

Injuries of Decedent

Injured By: Injured by NA

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

Appear intoxicated (alcohol or drugs):	Yes	Exhibit any mental health problems?:	
Exhibit any medical problems?:			

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

Threaten the officer(s) involved:	No	Resist being handcuffed or arrested?:	No
Try to escape/flee from custody:	No	Grab, hit or fight with the officer(s):	No

Other Behavior:

Specify Other Behavior:

Use weapon threaten/assault officer(s):	0

Was the deceased under restraint in the time leading up to the death or the events causing the death?

Under Restraint:

Yes

Summary of Incident

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

Summary:

The deceased was operating a motor vehicle on a public highway when he committed several moving traffic violation in front of the police officer (SAPD16005945). The deceased had four active warrants. The officer was searching the deceased and observed a small plastic ziplock baggie fall out of his pant leg. The baggie contained a brown substance which later tested positive for heroin. The officer placed handcuffs on the deceased and walked him back to his patrol vehicle. The officer checked on the deceased and observed the

deceased to be sweating profusingly. The officer asked the deceased several times if he was okay but he would not respond. The officer observed the deceased begin to convulse so he requested EMS to make his location. The officer removed the deceased from his patrol vehicle and laid the deceased on the ground. A EMS unit arrived and began to administer aid to the deceased. The deceased was then transported to a local hospital for further treatment. The deceased eventually passed away five days later at the hospital (SAPD16009677). The deceased was taken to the medical examiners's office to determine cause and manner of death.