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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

PA Number:	PA16074MJ	Report Date:	2/25/2016 11:06 AM
Status:	Submitted		

Agency/Facility Information

Department ID:	225	Department Type:	POLICE
Agency Name:	Donna Police Dept.	Agency Number:	TX1080200
Agency Phone:	9564644481	Agency Address:	207 S. 10th St.
Agency City:	Donna	Agency County:	Hidalgo
Agency State:	TX	Agency Zip:	78537

Director Information

Director Salutation:

Chief

Director First Name:

Ruben

Director Middle Name:

Director Last Name:

DeLeon

Reporter Name: Ruben DeLeon Reporter Email: chiefdeleon@cityofdonna.org

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address: 207 S. 10th street

City: Donna

County: Hidalgo

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

Type of Custody:

Municipal Jail

Specific type of custody/facility:

Specific Type of Custody/Facility:

Jail - holding cell

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: 2/19/2016 5:53 AM

Where did the death occur?

Death Location: At law enforcement facility

Death Location Elsewhere:

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Jose

Middle Name: Luis

Last Name: Garza

Suffix: Jr

Date of Birth: 6/7/1988 Sex: Male

Ethnicity: Hispanic

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

Death Date and Time: 2/19/2016 9:12 AM

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident:

2/19/2016 5:49 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:

Suicide

Manner of Death Description:

Death Reason:

Not applicable

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

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:

Not Applicable

If death was an accident, homicide or suicide, who caused the death?

Who caused the death?:

Not applicable; cause of death was suicide, intoxication or illness/natural causes

Death Causer Other:

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

Type of Death Weapon:

Other Weapon, specify:

Other weapon, specify:

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:

Hanging, strangulation

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:

Assault Family Member

Offense 2:

Offense 3:

Were the Charges::

Filed

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:

No

Summary of Incident

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

Summary:

On 2-19-2016 at 5:35 a.m police was dispatched to 2911 Yanez in reference to a domestic disturbance.Deceased was taken into custody for assault threat against family member.Deceased was placed in cell at 6:05 a.m.Deceased was placed alone in the cell, no others were in custody.At about 8:10 a.m. cell check by Jailers revealed Deceased was alive and well.At about 8:46 a.m. deceased was found unresponsive.Apparently deceased attempted to hang himself.First aid via C.P.R. was rendered by Captain

Suarez.Deceased was transported to hospital where deceased passed away at 9:12 a.m.Texas Rangers were called in to investigate and they arrived at 9:21 a.m.