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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

PA Number:	PA16132CJ	Report Date:	4/4/2016 12:43 PM
Status:	Submitted		

Agency/Facility Information

Department ID:	685	Department Type:	SHERIFF
Agency Name:	Potter County Sheriff\'s Dept.	Agency Number:	TX1880000
Agency Phone:	8063792900	Agency Address:	608 S. Pierce
Agency City:	Amarillo	Agency County:	Potter
Agency State:	TX	Agency Zip:	79101

Director Information

Director Salutation:

Sheriff

Director First Name:

Brian

Director Middle Name:

Director Last Name:

Thomas

Reporter Name:	Sgt Michael Dunn 250	Reporter Email:	michael.dunn@amarillo.gov

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address: 1501 S Coulter

City: Amarillo

County: Potter

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 - multiple occupancy 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:

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: Domingo

Middle Name:

Last Name: Cortinez

Suffix: III

Date of Birth: 9/18/1970 Sex: Male

Ethnicity: Hispanic

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

Death Date and Time: 4/3/2016 5:58 AM

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident:

3/12/2016 10:55 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:

Natural Causes/Illness

Manner of Death Description:

Cardiac

Death Reason:

Not applicable

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Complications of MI and open heart surgery

Had the decedent been receiving treatment for the medical condition that caused the death after admission to your jail's jurisdiction?

Medical Treatment:

Yes

Medical Treatment Description:

Transported to hospital emergency on 3/22/2016 for chest pains

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:

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 intoxication or illness/natural causes

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:

PV-Indecency with a child-Sexual Contact

Offense 2:

Offense 3:

Were the Charges::

Probation/Parole

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):	No	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:

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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:

Deceased was in-custody at the Potter County Jail from an arrest on 3/12/2016 for a Probation Violation warrant, original charge of Indecency with a Child-Sexual Contact. On 3/22/2016, deceased complained of chest pains and shortness of breath. He was transported to Northwest Texas Hospital. Deceased had significant triple vessel coronary artery disease 90-95% stenosis on the LAD and 70-80% on the RCA.

Deceased also suffered chronic kidney disease stage IV, poorly controlled hypertension, Diabetes mellitus, COPD from smoking and a history of drug abuse. On 4/1/2016 a Cardiac By-pass times three was performed. On 4/2/2016 the deceased was returned to surgery due to un-controlled metabolic bleeding. Post surgey to ICU in Critical condition. Deceased conditioned worsened early in the morning on 4/3/2016. Dr. Bamgbelu pronunced Time of death at 0558 hours April 4, 2016. Justice of the Peace Gary Jackson ordered an autopsy to be performed by South Plains Medical Service, Lubbock Texas, the results are pending.