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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

PA Number:	PA16373C	Report Date:	8/24/2016 1:37 PM
Status:	Submitted		

Agency/Facility Information

Department ID:	678	Department Type:	POLICE
Agency Name:	Port Arthur Police Dept.	Agency Number:	TX1230700
Agency Phone:	4099838600	Agency Address:	P. O. Box 1089
Agency City:	Port Arthur	Agency County:	Jefferson
Agency State:	TX	Agency Zip:	77641

Director Information

Director Salutation:

Chief

Director First Name:

Weldon

Director Middle Name:

Director Last Name:

Dunlap

Reporter Name: Sgt. Ken Carona Reporter Email: kcarona@portarthurpd.com

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address: 2555 Jimmy Johnson Blvd.

City: Port Arthur

County: Jefferson

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:

Specific Type of Custody/Facility:

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: Manuel

Middle Name:

Last Name: Delacruz

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 8/10/1989 Sex: Male

Ethnicity: Hispanic

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

Death Date and Time: 8/1/2016 8:22 PM

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident:

8/1/2016 8:20 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:

Other

Manner of Death Description:

Unknown

Death Reason:

Don\'t know

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Unknown

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?:

Don\'t know

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:

Don\'t know

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:

Taking or Attempting to Take Weapon from Peace Officer

Offense 2:

Assault on Public Servant

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:	Yes	Resist being handcuffed or arrested?:	Yes
Try to escape/flee from custody:	Yes	Grab, hit or fight with the officer(s):	Yes

Other Behavior:

Specify Other Behavior:

Use weapon threaten/assault officer(s):	1

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:

Officers were summoned to The Medical Center of Southeast Texas in reference to assisting family members and medical staff with an uncooperative mental patient who was identified as Manuel Delacruz. Upon arrival officers found Delacruz roaming outside of the hospital. Delacruz was detained and returned to his room without incident. Once inside of his room and while officers were completing the emergency mental detention forms to lawfully detain Delacruz for a mental evaluation Delacruz became violent, combative and punched

one the officers in the nose. While officers were attempting to gain control of Delacruz, he was able to gain control of one officers pepper spray. The pepper spray was able to be taken away from Delacruz. Delacruz then attempted to take one of the officer’s duty pistol but was unsuccessful. During the struggle before Delacruz was secured a Taser drive stun was applied for pain compliance. After a brief struggle, Delacruz was placed into handcuffs and secured for his safety. After Delacruz was secured, it was immediately apparent that he was unresponsive. His handcuffs were immediately removed and medical staff stepped in to begin treating Delacruz for his unresponsiveness. The medical staff was unsuccessful in reviving Delacruz and he was pronounced deceased after all medical efforts failed.