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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

PA Number:	PA16416CJ	Report Date:	9/16/2016 12:01 PM
Status:	Submitted		

Agency/Facility Information

Department ID:	199	Department Type:	SHERIFF
Agency Name:	Dallas County Sheriff's Dept.	Agency Number:	TX0570000
Agency Phone:	2146533450	Agency Address:	133 N. Riverfront Blvd.
Agency City:	Dallas	Agency County:	Dallas
Agency State:	TX	Agency Zip:	75207

Director Information

Director Salutation:

Sheriff

Director First Name:

Lupe

Director Middle Name:

Director Last Name:

Valdez

Reporter Name: Det. D. Crear #668 Reporter Email: dcrear@dallascounty.org

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address: 5201 Harry Hines Blvd.

City: Dallas, TX

County: Dallas

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

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: Santos

Middle Name: Pio

Last Name: Cruz

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 8/21/1974 Sex: Male

Ethnicity: Hispanic

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

Death Date and Time: 8/29/2016 5:52 PM

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident:

5/31/2015 12:00 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 Causes/Illness

Manner of Death Description:

Cancer

Death Reason:

Medical condition only (e.g. heart attack)

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Metasttic gastric adenocarcinoma

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:

Cruz was assigned to the Jail Medical Ward upon bookin due to his medical condition. He had been transported to Parkland Hospital on numerous occasions for treatment of his condition.

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?:

Don\'t know

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:

Sexual Assault A-V Child

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:

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:

At approximately 7:58am on Friday, August 12, 2016, Inmate Santos Cruz was transferred from the Dallas County Jail Medical Ward to Parkland Memorial Hospital by Acadian Ambulance Service for a scheduled appointment and treatment of his medical condition of cancer and HIV. Parkland medical staff evaluated Cruz upon his arrival and subsequently admitted him to the hospital to further treat his condition. Cruz remained at Parkland Hospital until his death at approximately 5:52pm on August 29, 2016. The body of Santos Cruz was transferred to the Dallas County Medical Examiner's Office where an external examination was performed. The manner and medical cause of death is currently pending.