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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number: 05-1-MJ

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Report Date: 11/5/2025 8:29 AM

Status: Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name: Clute Police Dept.

Agency Address: 104 E. Main

Agency City: 77531

Agency State: TX

Agency Zip: 77531

Director Information

Director Salutation: Chief

Director First Name: James

Director Middle Name:

Director Last Name: Fitch

Reporter Name: James Fitch

Reporter Email: jfitch@clutepd.com

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Jose

Middle Name: Enrique

Last Name: Bejarano

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 7/15/1984

Sex: Male

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 41

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 10/19/2025 11:34 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 10/20/2025 11:05 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: Suicide

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Asphyxia

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?: Decedent

If a weapon caused the death, what type of weapon caused the death? (Hold CTRL to select all that apply)

Type of weapon that caused death?: 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?: 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

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address: 104 E. Main

City: Clute, Texas

County: Brazoria

Zip: 77531

What location category best describes where the event causing the death occurred?

Location Category: Law Enforcement
Facility

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 - single cell

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: 10/20/2025 12:51
AM

Where did the death occur?

Death Location: Medical facility

General Information

Did any other law enforcement agencies respond to calls for service related to this incident?

Other Agencies Respond?: Yes

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:

Possession of Controlled Substance PG1 - F3

Offense 2:

Possession of Controlled Substance PG2 - F3

Offense 3:

Possession of Dangerous Drugs - MA

Were the Charges:: Not filed at time of death

What were the types of charges or reason for contact? (Hold CTRL to select all that apply)

Type of Offense: Alcohol / drug offense

At any time during the incident and/or entry into the law enforcement facility, did the decedent display or use a weapon?

Decedent display/use of weapons: No

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

Attempt to Injure Others?: No

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

Appear intoxicated (alcohol or drugs): No

Make suicidal statements?: No

Exhibit any mental health problems?: No

Exhibit any medical problems?: No

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

Barricade self or initiate

Resist being handcuffed or

standoff?:	No	arrested?:	No
Physically attempt/assault officer(s):	No	Gain possession of officer's weapon:	No
Verbally threaten other(s) including law:	No	Escape or attempt to escape/flee custody:	No
Attempt gain possession officer's weapon:	No		

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 Monday, October 20th, 2025, at approximately 1001 hours Cpl. J. Garnett #212 was dispatched to the Clute Police Department Jail located at 104 E. Main Street in Clute, TX

While in route, Clute Dispatch advised Brazoria County Sheriffs Office's Paddy Wagon is en route to the Clute Jail to pick up and transport Clute Jail Inmate identified as Bejarano, Jose Enrique DOB: 07/15/1984 H/M. Bejarano was arrested on 10/19/2025 at approximately 2334 hours for Poss Dangerous Drugs, Poss CS PG1/1-B>=1G<4G, Poss CS PG 2>=1G<4G and a Class C warrant #120509934 out of this agency.

Upon arrival to the Clute Police Department at approximately 1005 hours, Cpl. Garnett obtained Bejarano's jail booking folder to observe all documentation needed to release Bejarano properly to BCSO Paddy Wagon Deputy. At approximately 1017 hours, Clute Dispatch advised BCSO Paddy Wagon was at the Clute Jail and in Sally Port 1.

Garnett went to the Clute Jail and allowed BCSO Deputy Joiner inside of the Clute Jail from Sally Port 1. After, he went behind the Clute Jail desk to begin booking out Bejarano from Clute Police Department custody and into BCSO Deputy Joiner's custody.

At this time, on the Clute Jail cell security camera monitor in cell 3, Cpl. Garnett observed Bejarano by the front entrance of cell door 3, only in his red underwear and facing towards the front cell door. Upon further observation, he observed Bejarano to be hanging himself by his black and white stripped jump suit he was wearing. It was observed Bejarano to have the left leg tied around his neck and the right leg to be tied around a cell 3 upper bar.

Upon observing this, BCSO Deputy Joiner and Cpl. Garnett went to cell 3. Cpl. Garnett opened the cell 3 door and picked up Bejarano, while BCSO Deputy Joiner untied the jump suit from Bejarano's neck. After BCSO Deputy Joiner was able to untie Bejarano, and Garnett placed Bejarano onto the cell 3 mat and began assessing Bejarano by performing CPR.

While performing CPR on Bejarano, it was observed Bejarano to have blood coming from his nose. It was also observed Bejarano to not have a pulse or breathing. Cpl. Garnett continued to perform CPR on Bejarano and advised BCSO Deputy Joiner to advise Clute Dispatch to send Clute EMS and other units to the Clute

Jail. Shortly after, Lt. G. Mitchell #202 arrived in the jail and began assisting with Bejarano.

Lt. G. Mitchell #202 and Cpl. Garnett moved Bejarano from the cell 3 mat to the cell 3 floor. At this time, there still was not a pulse from Bejarano or any signs of breathing. Clute EMS then arrived on scene and began assessing Bejarano.

A few minutes later, Clute EMS advised they will be transporting Bejarano to CHI Saint Lukes Hospital located at 100 Medical Drive in Lake Jackson, Brazoria County, Texas 77566 at approximately 1042 hours. Cpl. Garnett followed behind Clute EMS to CHI Saint Lukes Hospital in his marked patrol unit #864.

Upon arrival to CHI Saint Lukes Hospital, Bejarano was taken to Emergency Room #2 and CHI Saint Luke's Hospital Dr. Setul Patel began assessing Bejarano. At 1105 hours, Dr. Setul Patel officially called Bejarano's time of death.

A few minutes after, Chief D. Turner #201, Texas Ranger Aaron Arizmendi and Judge Brown arrived at the hospital. After Chief D. Turner #201, Texas Ranger Aaron Arizmendi and Judge Brown were complete with all documentations, Lakewood Funeral picked up Bejarano per the request of Judge Brown for an autopsy.