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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	17-118-CJ	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	3/17/2017 2:42 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Harris County Sheriff's Dept.	Agency Address:	1200 Baker Street
Agency City:	Houston	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	77002		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Ed
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Gonzalez		
Reporter Name:	Ronny Taylor	Reporter Email:	ronny.taylor@sheriff.hctx.net

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Sergio

Middle Name:

Last Name: Garza

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 9/25/1964 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 52

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 12/19/2016 10:38 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 3/15/2017 9:41 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 are available

What was the manner of death? (select only one)

Manner of Death: Natural

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Metastatic spindle cell neoplasm

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

Medical Treatment:	Unknown

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

Who caused the death?:	Not applicable

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?:	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 illness/natural cause

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address:	1200 Baker Street	City:	Houston
County:	Harris	Zip:	77002

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: County Jail

Specific type of custody/facility:

Specific Type of Custody/Facility:

Hospital/Infirmary

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: Medical facility

General Information

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

Other Agencies Respond?: No

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:

Theft

Offense 2:

Offense 3:

Were the Charges:: Filed

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

Type of Offense: Crime Against Property

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?: Unknown

Exhibit any mental health problems?: Unknown

Exhibit any medical problems?: Yes

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 March 15, 2017, Inmate Sergio Garza (00585838) died in custody at Ben Taub Hospital located at 1504 Taub Loop, Houston Texas, 77030. Inmate Garza was pronounced deceased by attending physician Dr. Sami Bashour at 2141 hours. Inmate Garza, a Hispanic male 52 years of age had been in the custody of the Harris County Sheriff's Office since his arrest by HPD for Theft <$2,500 (2/more), case # 1534713, with a $5,000 bond assigned to the 185th District Court

The following is a synopsis of the death of Inmate Garza:

On December 19, 2016 @ 2238 hours, Inmate Garza was processed into the Harris County Jail for Theft < $2,500 (2/more previous), with a $5,000 bond.

On February 21, 2017, after an evaluation by his attending physician, it was determined Inmate Garza required further diagnostic testing and was transported to Memorial Hermann Hospital.

On February 23, 2017, Inmate Garza was discharged from Memorial Hermann Hospital and returned to 1200 Jail, where he was evaluated by a 1200 Jail Medical provider. It was determined by the evaluating physician that the patient's condition was not stable enough to manage in jail, requiring a higher level of care, and was immediately transferred to Ben Taub Hospital ER.

On February 23, 2017, @ approximately 2150 hours, Inmate Sergio Garza was admitted to Ben Taub Hospital.

On March 15, 2017 @ 2141 hours, Inmate Garza was pronounced deceased by Dr. Sami Bashour.