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ATTORNEY GENERAL *of* TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number: 17-517-UF

Version Type: ORIGINAL
VERSION

Report Date: 10/4/2017 8:12 AM

Status: Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name: Pasadena Police
Dept.

Agency Address: 1201 Davis Street

Agency City: Pasadena

Agency State: TX

Agency Zip: 77506

Director Information

Director Salutation: Chief

Director First Name: Alberto

Director Middle Name:

Director Last Name: Espinoza Jr.

Reporter Name: Chris MacGregor

Reporter Email: cmacgregor@ci.pasadena.tx.us

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Joseph

Middle Name: Martin

Last Name: Torres

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 10/16/1987

Sex: Male

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 29

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

Date/Time of Custody or
Incident: 9/2/2017 11:16 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 9/3/2017 12:09 AM

Manner / Cause of Death

Has a medical examiner or coroner conducted an evaluation to determine a cause of death?

Medical Examiner/Coroner Yes, results
Evaluation?: pending

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

Manner of Death: Pending autopsy
results

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Pending

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: Drug overdose

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address: 303 Johnson

City: Pasadena

County: Harris

Zip: 77506

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

Location Category: Roadway/highway/street/sidewalk

What type of custody/facility was the Decedent in at the time of death:

Type of Custody: Pre-Custodial Use
of Force

Specific type of custody/facility:

Specific Type of Custody/Facility:

Custody of Law Enforcement Personnel subsequent to arrest

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: 9/2/2017 11:16 PM

Where did the death occur?

Death Location: Scene of incident

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:

Drug possession

Offense 2:

Offense 3:

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: Other, specify

Type of Offense, Other:

traffic stop

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): Unknown

Make suicidal statements?: No

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 standoff?:	No	Resist being handcuffed or 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 9/2/2017, Officer initiated a traffic stop on the decedent. Upon the officers arrival to the drivers side door of decedent vehicle, the officer observed that the driver was in some type of medical distress as the decedent was convulsing and sweating profusely. The officer then removed the driver from the vehicle where CPR was performed by a back up officer. Medical assistance was immediately requested and an ambulance arrived shortly thereafter. The decedent was then loaded into the ambulance where ambulance personnel removed an obstruction from the decedents mouth and throat consisting of a clear plastic baggy containing a white powdery substance. The decedent was then transported to the hospital where the attending physician pronounced the decedent deceased.