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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number: 17-533-UF

Version Type: ORIGINAL
VERSION

Report Date: 10/20/2017 2:26
PM

Status: Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name: Brownsville Police
Dept.

Agency Address: 600 E. Jackson

Agency City: Brownsville

Agency State: TX

Agency Zip: 78520

Director Information

Director Salutation: Chief

Director First Name: Orlando

Director Middle Name:

Director Last Name: Rodriguez

Reporter Name: Juan Lopez

Reporter Email: jlopez@cob.us

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: German

Middle Name:

Last Name: Ornelas

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 7/7/1986

Sex: Male

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 31

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

Date/Time of Custody or 10/5/2017 10:57
Incident: AM

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

Death Date and Time: 10/5/2017 12:25
PM

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)

Homicide (includes

Manner of Death: Justifiable
Homicide)

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Gunshots

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?: Law
enforcement/correctional
personnel

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?: Handgun

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: Firearm

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address: 55 W. St. Charles St.

City: Brownsville

County: Cameron

Zip: 78520

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

Location Category: Residence/Home

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 during/fleeing 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:

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?: 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:

Burglary of Habitation

Offense 2:

Aggravated Assault on Public Servant

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: Yes, mark all that apply

Decedent Display or Use Weapon Details: Displayed other weapon, specify:

Specify Weapon Displayed:

Knife

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

Attempt to Injure Others?: Yes (select all that apply)

Ways Decedent Attempted To Injure Others: Attempted to injure law enforcement personnel

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?: 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 standoff?:	Yes	Resist being handcuffed or arrested?:	Yes
Physically attempt/assault officer(s):	Yes	Gain possession of officer's weapon:	No
Verbally threaten other(s) including law:	Unknown	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 Thursday, October 5, 2017 at approximately 10:55 am, Brownsville Police Officers arrived at 55 W. St. Charles St. apt. 8 in Brownsville, Texas in an attempt to execute a felony arrest warrant for German Ornelas,

DOB 7-7-86. Officers made contact with a resident of apartment #8 and were allowed inside. Officers then found the suspect (German Ornelas) inside of the apartment. As the officers entered the apartment, they were confronted by Ornelas, who had a large knife in his right hand. The officers drew their weapons and ordered the suspect (Ornelas) to drop the knife. German Ornelas with the knife in his hand, lunged at the officers. Officers Jaime Ortega and Lorenzo Rosales then fired their weapons striking the suspect. Emergency Medical Services was requested to the scene and German Ornelas was transported to Valley Baptist Medical Center where he later died due to his injuries.