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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	18-63-PF	Version Type:	ORIGINAL VERSION
Report Date:	2/13/2018 3:13 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Pearsall Police Dept.	Agency Address:	911 Veterans Drive
Agency City:	Pearsall	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	78061		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Chief Salinas	Director First Name:	Pedro
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Salinas		
Reporter Name:	Chief Pedro Salinas	Reporter Email:	psalinas@cityofpearsall.org

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Roberto

Middle Name:

Last Name: Elizondo

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 9/3/1960 Sex: Male

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 57

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 1/13/2018 8:17 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 1/14/2018 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 pending

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

Pending autopsy

Manner of Death:	results

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Unknown

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?:	Unknown whether decedent sustained a fatal injury

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?:	Could not be determined

If death was an accident, homicide or suicide, what was the means of death?

Means of Death:	Unknown

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address: 504 S. Chestnut
City: Pearsall
County: Frio
Zip: 78061

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: Private Facility

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?:	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:

Resisting Arrest

Offense 2:

Public Intoxication

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:	Alcohol / drug offense; Medical / Mental Health assistance call

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?:	Yes (select all that apply)
Ways Decedent Attempted To Injure Others:	Attempted to injure law enforcement personnel; Attempted to injure civilian(s) or other inmate(s)

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

Appear intoxicated (alcohol or drugs):	Yes	Make suicidal statements?:	No
Exhibit any mental health problems?:	Yes	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?:	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:	Yes	Escape or attempt to escape/flee custody:	Yes
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:	Yes, mark which restraint devices were used

Type of restraint

Type of Restraint:	Handcuffs; Leg Shackles

Summary of Incident

Summary of How the Death Occurred: (max. 30,000 characters)

Summary:

On 01/13/2018 Officers of the Pearsall PD were dispatched to 504 S. Chestnut Pearsall Texas in reference to a male subject screaming and acting erratic.

Once on scene officers observed the above listed subject ranting for unknown reasons on the front porch of the residence with the front door directly behind him. Family members on scene advised the male subject,

later identified as Roberto Elizondo had acted like this in the past. Officers attempted to reason with the male subject who continued to yell out about an invisible dog attacking him and that officers were pouring gasoline on him. Many other unintelligible things were yelled including that the officers were there to kill him and that the officers were going to plant cocaine and marijuana on him.

Officers determined that the subject would have to be taken into custody for a possible emergency detention due to what officers believed was a likely mental health crisis based upon his erratic behavior. In addition, family members on scene detailed to officers of past mental health issues the subject had suffered. Once the male subject turned his back towards officers they felt he could try to make it inside the home and decided this was the opportunity to gain physical control of the subject.

Upon doing so the male subject was taken to the ground and secured in handcuffs. Once secured in handcuffs the male continued to resist control. Officers noted a small to medium size laceration on his forehead and requested EMS to arrive on location and assess the male subject. Once on scene EMS treated the subject and advised he was clear to be transported from the scene. Officers again struggled to place the male into a patrol unit as he continued to struggle against officers. Officers utilized a leg "hobble" to strap the subject’s feet down and keep him from kicking the vehicle doors and windows.

Officers transported the male to the Pearsall PD, 911 Veterans Drive Pearsall, Texas, in order to obtain emergency detention paperwork before transporting him to University Hospital in San Antonio Texas for said emergency detention. While one officer was obtaining this paperwork the officer who had stayed behind with the subject noted he no longer was responding to questions. Upon observing the subject breathing but unresponsive the officers transported him to Frio Regional Hospital located seconds away. Once there the male subject was treated and subsequently flown to University Hospital.

Officers were later advised Elizondo had passed away at University Hospital the following day.