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ATTORNEY GENERAL *of* TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number: 18-993-UF

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Report Date: 4/15/2019 9:22 AM

Status: Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name: Fort Bend County
Sheriff's Dept.

Agency Address: 1410 Williams Way
Blvd.

Agency City: Richmond

Agency State: TX

Agency Zip: 77469

Director Information

Director Salutation: Sheriff

Director First Name: Troy

Director Middle Name: E

Director Last Name: Nehls

Reporter Name: Bradley
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Reporter Email: bradley.whichard@fortbendcountytexas.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Veta

Middle Name: Isabel

Last Name: Miller

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 3/11/1979

Sex: Female

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 39

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 10/4/2018 12:24 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 10/5/2018 11:23 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:

Asphyxiation - Strangulation due to hanging

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?: Other Weapon, specify:

Other weapon, specify:

Shoulder strap of seat-belt in marked patrol unit

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: 5006 Quebec

City: Richmond

County: Fort Bend

Zip: 77469

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

Location Category: Other, specify

Other Location Category:

Incident occurred in rear seat of a vehicle while parked on roadway

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:

N/A

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: Elsewhere, specify

Death Location Elsewhere:

Death was pronounced at medical facility, Hermann Memorial Hospital, 6411 Fannin in Houston, Texas

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:

Public Intoxication

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:

Decedent was detained during a disturbance call investigation - Decedent observed to display signs of being under influence and death occurred during scene investigation of reported family violence related disturbance

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?: Unknown

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?: Unknown

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?: 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 10/4/2018 at around 12:14 a.m., Patrol Deputy Jones responded to and arrived at 5006 Quebec in Richmond, Texas after being dispatched to the address in regard to a 911 Hang-Up / Possible Disturbance Call. The responding Deputy arrived at the residence and made contact with the male caller, Rubin Velasquez, and a female identified as Veta Miller, both of whom were outside the residence at the Quebec

address. As the Deputy was obtaining information from Rubin Velasquez and Veta Miller concerning the events that had occurred, Veta Miller began striking a window of the home with her hands.

Deputy Jones noted Veta Miller continued to become more aggressive and showed signs of being under the influence, at which time Miller was detained in the rear seat of a marked patrol unit. Veta Miller was cooperative, was not handcuffed and was seated within the patrol unit without incident. As Deputy Jones resumed efforts to interview Mr. Velasquez next to the patrol unit, Veta Miller wrapped the shoulder strap of the seat belt around her neck three times.

Deputies discovered Veta Miller in distress approximately 11 minutes after Miller had applied the seat belt around her neck. Upon discovery the ligature was removed, CPR was initiated and Emergency Medical Service was summoned to the scene. Veta Miller was transported to Hermann Memorial Hospital, located at 6411 Fannin in Houston, where ultimate death pronouncement was made on 10/5/2018.

Note: Autopsy report completed and on file with reporting law enforcement agency.