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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number: 19-340-CJ

Version Type: ORIGINAL
VERSION

Report Date: 4/9/2019 2:32 PM

Status: Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name: Bastrop County
Sheriff's Dept.

Agency Address: 200 Jackson Street

Agency City: Bastrop

Agency State: TX

Agency Zip: 78602

Director Information

Director Salutation: Sheriff

Director First Name: Maaurice

Director Middle Name:

Director Last Name: Cook

Reporter Name: Matthew Plocica

Reporter Email: matthew.plocica@co.bastrop.tx.us

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Gilbert

Middle Name:

Last Name: Rodriguez

Suffix: II

Date of Birth: 7/29/1986

Sex: Male

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 32

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

Date/Time of Custody or
Incident: 8/27/2017 7:12 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 4/8/2019 9:03 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:

Preliminary Findings - hanging/suicide per Dr. Dierksen PA19-01826

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

Medical Treatment: Yes

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:

Mattress cover used as ligature

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: Hanging, strangulation

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address: 200 Jackson St.

City: Bastrop

County: Bastrop

Zip: 78602

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:

Jail - single cell

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: 8/27/2017 7:12 PM

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:

Assault Family/Household member W/ Previous Conviction

Offense 2:

Parole Violation

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: Violent Crime
Against Persons

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?: 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?:	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 April 08, 2019, I, Investigator Plocica #1399, was requested to assist with an unresponsive male located inside the Bastrop County Jail located at 200 Jackson St. Bastrop, Texas.

Upon arrival, I met with jail staff, who advised that a visual check of the inmate Gilbert Rodriguez, who was housed in an isolation cell IC6-D, attempted suicide and C.P.R was in progress. Gilbert was subsequently transported by E.M.S Unit #924 to St. David's hospital Bastrop, Texas, where he was pronounced deceased at 903 hrs. I was advised by jail staff Gilbert was the only person inside the isolation cell at the time of the incident. I was further advised, Gilbert used a jail mattress cover as a ligature, which he tied to the bars on the door of the cell. Gilbert then proceeded commit suicide by hanging.

After being advised the male was deceased, the cell was processed. JP-2 Judge Davis and Texas Ranger Brent Barina were advised. I then began to obtain all information, records, video and interviews related to the incident, which the investigation is on-going.

On April 10, 2019, I conducted a follow-up at the Travis County Medical Examiner's office, where I met with Dr. Jennifer Dierksen, who is the point of contact over the case (PA 19-01826). Upon conclusion of the autopsy, Dr. Dierksen stated the preliminary cause of death was Hanging/Suicide. Dr. Dierksen advised no foul play was suspected.