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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number: 20-603-CJ

Version Type: ORIGINAL
VERSION

Report Date: 7/7/2020 3:02 PM

Status: Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name: Comal County
Sheriff's Dept.

Agency Address: 3005 W. San
Antonio St.

Agency City: New Braunfels

Agency State: TX

Agency Zip: 78130

Director Information

Director Salutation: Sheriff

Director First Name: Mark

Director Middle Name: W.

Director Last Name: Reynolds

Reporter Name: William Jennings

Reporter Email: jenniw@co.comal.tx.us

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Frank

Middle Name: unk

Last Name: Gonzales-Espinoza

Suffix: Mr

Date of Birth: 7/10/1944

Sex: Male

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 75

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

Date/Time of Custody or
Incident: 3/19/2018 4:28 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 7/1/2020 4:23 PM

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: Natural

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Hypertensive and arteriosclerotic cardiovascular disease

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?: Not applicable

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?: Pre-existing medical condition

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

Means of Death: Not applicable, cause of death was illness/natural cause

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address: 3005 W San Antonio St

City: New Braunfels

County: Comal

Zip: 78130

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 - multiple occupancy 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: 3/19/2018 4:28 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:

Sex Abuse of Child Continuous : Victim under 14

Offense 2:

Sex Abuse of Child Continuous : Victim under 14

Offense 3:

Were the Charges:: Convicted

What were the types of charges or reason for contact? (Hold CTRL to select all that apply)

Type of Offense: Crimes Against
Child(ren)

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?: 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 7-1-2020 Inmate Gonzales-Espinoza, Frank passed away while in custody of the Comal County Jail. Inmate Gonzales-Espinoza, Frank Had been in custody since 3-19-2018 on two charges of Continuous Sexual Assault of a Child. Inmate Gonzales-Espinoza, Frank had been convicted on these charges and was in custody awaiting sentencing. Inmate Gonzales-Espinoza, Frank was housed in the infirmary due to his continued medical condition related to his heart. Inmate Gonzales-Espinoza, Frank was lying in bed at 1300 hours when he went into medical distress. An Inmate in the cell with him notified corrections staff on the emergency. Corrections staff along with the Medical Staff managed by CorrHealth responded immediately and began life saving measures. EMS was also called and took over CPR. Inmate Gonzales-Espinoza, Frank was transported to Christus Santa Rosa Hospital where he was pronounce deceased at 1623 hours. Justice of the Peace Mike Rust responded to the hospital and ordered an autopsy. Texas Ranger Joey Evans was also contacted and will lead the investigation in this case.