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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

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VERSION

Report Date: 6/25/2024 11:20
AM

Status: Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name: Zavala County
Sheriff's Dept.

Agency Address: 200 East Uvalde St.

Agency City: Crystal City

Agency State: TX

Agency Zip: 78839

Director Information

Director Salutation: Sheriff

Director First Name: Eusevio

Director Middle Name:

Director Last Name: Salinas

Reporter Name: Eusevio Salinas

Reporter Email: eusevio.salinas@zavalacounty.org

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Cesar

Middle Name: Dominguez

Last Name: Chavez

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 1/27/1957

Sex: Male

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 64

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

Date/Time of Custody or
Incident: 1/3/2020 12:15 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 3/2/2021 6:58 PM

Manner / Cause of Death

Has a medical examiner or coroner conducted an evaluation to determine a cause of death?

Medical Examiner/Coroner
Evaluation?: No, evaluation not
planned

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

Manner of Death: Natural

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Complications of COVID-19

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: 704 Hospital Dr.

City: Carrizo Springs

County: Dimmit

Zip: 78834

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

Location Category: Other, specify

Other Location Category:

Inmate Chavez passed away at the hospital due to Covid-10 Pneumonia

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: 1/3/2020 12:15 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?: 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:

Capital Murder

Offense 2:

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?: 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:

Inmate Cesar Dominguez Chavez committed a capital murder in the early 90's. He absconded to Mexico and remained there for approximately 30 years. Chavez contacted Mexican authorities and turned himself in. Chavez was transferred to the United States and on January 03, 2020, he was transported to our jail facility (Zavala County Sheriff's Office). As inmate Chavez was incarcerated with the Zavala County Sheriff's Office, he suffered with High blood Pressure and Diabetes. He later contracted COVID-19 and died of complications of the virus.