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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	21-909-CJ	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	3/23/2022 1:11 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Fannin County Sheriff's Dept.	Agency Address:	2375 Silo Rd
Agency City:	Bonham	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	75418		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Mark
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Johnson		
Reporter Name:	Nicholas Tredway	Reporter Email:	ntredway@fanninco.net

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Jose

Middle Name:

Last Name: Molina

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 1/11/1989 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: 3/4/2021 5:25 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 7/5/2021 3:09 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: Natural

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Based on the case history and autopsy findings, it is my opinion that Jose Molina, a 32 year old male died as a result of acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) and its complications, including disseminated Cryptococcal infection. - Stephen M Hastings M.D. Medical Examiner Southwestern Institute of Forensic Sciences

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: Unknown

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address:	5016 US-75	City:	Denison
County:	Grayson	Zip:	75020

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:	7/4/2021 6:07 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:

Federal Offense - Cocain Sell

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: Alcohol / drug offense

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 07-05-2021 Sheriff Johnson was notified that a Federal inmate had passed away at the hospital for unknown reasons. Sheriff immediately called the Texas Ranger for our area and him start an investigation into the death. The narrative from the Texas Rangers is below.

1.1 On 07-05-2021 at approximately 3:39 AM, I, Texas Ranger Ken Shields was contacted telephonically by Fannin County Sheriff Mark Johnson. Sheriff Johnson advised a federal inmate from the LaSalle Corrections Jail located in Fannin County had died at the Texoma Medical Center Hospital in Denison, Texas. Sheriff Johnson requested I respond to Texoma Medical Center and conduct the Custodial Death Investigation. Sheriff Johnson requested me to contact LaSalle Corrections Warden Stacy King for details of the federal inmate. At approximately 3:45 AM, I contacted Warden King telephonically. Warden King stated that on 07-04-2021, US Marshall federal inmate Jose Molina had been discovered unresponsive in his isolation medical unit cell and was transported by an ambulance to Texoma Medical Center where later (on 07-05-2021) he was pronounced dead. Warden King stated that Molina was in Texoma Medical Center Intensive Care Unit room number 207.

1.2 I arrived at Texoma Medical Center at approximately 4:40 AM where I met with Grayson County Precinct 4 Justice of the Peace Rita Noel. I was informed that Jose Molina (H/M 01/11/1989) LaSalle Corrections inmate number 29300078, had been pronounced deceased at 3:09 AM by attending physician Javaid Ehson. At approximately 4:50 AM, I entered room 207, LaSalle Corrections Officers Kenneth Abbott and Dustin Watson were inside the room with Molina. I observed that the corrections officers had been keeping an entry log of activity starting at approximately 10:30 PM (on 07-04-2021). I made an initial observation of Molina and did not observe any markings on his body except those that appeared to me to be from medical intervention.

1.3 I contacted Warden King telephonically at approximately 5:26 AM, Warden King stated that she had notified the United States Marshall Eastern District James Nicholas in regards of Molina’s custodial death.

1.4 I contacted LaSalle Corrections Lieutenant Terry Wright telephonically at approximately, 5:29 AM, Lieutenant Wright informed me that Molina was booked into the LaSalle Corrections Facility in Fannin County on 03-04-2020. Molina had been transferred to the medical unit and had been housed in an isolation medical cell since 06-27-2021. Molina had been receiving medical treatment for migraines. On 07-04-2021 at approximately 5:42 PM, a Bonham Fire and EMS ambulance had been dispatched for Molina. Molina had been discovered by LaSalle Corrections Officer Samantha Asbill in his cell unresponsive leaning over the sink and that Molina had defecated himself. Corrections Officer Asbill and LaSalle Corrections Registered Nurse

Alisa Melton attempted medical treatment until the ambulance arrived at 5:45 PM. The ambulance left from LaSalle Corrections Facility at approximately 6:07 PM and transported Molina to the Texoma Medical Center in Denison.

1.5 On 07-05-2021 at approximately 4:56 AM, Judge Noel ordered an autopsy to be conducted on Molina by the Southwestern Institute of Forensic Science (SWIFS) located in Dallas County. Molina was released from Texoma Medical Center to Hunter Stiles of Fisher Funeral Home for transport to SWIFS. Fisher Funeral Home departed from Texoma Medical Center at approximately 6:25 AM.

1.6 At approximately 8:20 AM, I traveled to the LaSalle Corrections Facility and met with Warden King. I requested the following items to be prepared for me to receive at a later date:

A. A copy of video surveillance of Molina's cell from 06-27-2021 to 07-04-2021
B. A copy of recording of any incoming or outgoing jail phone calls
C. A copy of Molina's medical records
D. A copy of logs of status round checks conducted by LaSalle Correction Officers

1.7 At approximately 8:28 AM, I photographed the exterior and interior of Molina's cell, located in the medical unit marked "M2" and "227". All photographs were stored on an external hard drive S1.P1.

Autopsy Report:

Conclusions:

Based on the case history and autopsy findings, it is my opinion that Jose Molina, a 32 year old male died as a result of acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) and its complications, including disseminated Cryptococcal infection.