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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number: 22-1506-CJ

Version Type: AMENDED

Report Date: 5/31/2023 12:34 PM

Status: Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name: Guadalupe County Sheriff's Office

Agency Address: 2617 N. Guadalupe

Agency City: Seguin

Agency State: TX

Agency Zip: 78155

Director Information

Director Salutation: Sheriff

Director First Name: Arnold

Director Middle Name:

Director Last Name: Zwicke

Reporter Name: Robert Hernandez

Reporter Email: rhernandez@co.guadalupe.tx.us

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Chad

Middle Name:

Last Name: Lench

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 8/8/1978

Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 44

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

Date/Time of Custody or
Incident: 10/4/2022 6:50 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 10/10/2022 7:13
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: Other - specify

Manner of Death Description:

Undetermined

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Undetermined

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

Medical Treatment: Unknown

If death was an accident, homicide or suicide, who caused the death?

Who caused the death?: Unknown whether
decedent sustained
a fatal injury

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?: 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: Other, specify

Means of Death Other: Undetermined

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address: 2617 N. Guadalupe
Street

City: Seguin

County: Guadalupe

Zip: 78155

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 - detox 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: 10/10/2022 6:50
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:

Violation of Probation DWI 3rd or more

Offense 2:

Offense 3:

Were the Charges:: A probation/parole violation

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): Yes

Make suicidal statements?: No

Exhibit any mental health problems?: Unknown

Exhibit any medical problems?: Unknown

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 October 10, 2022 at 0708 hours Chad Lench DOB 08/08/1978 SID TX06520338 was found unresponsive. Attempts to achieve a response from Mr. Lench were performed to no avail. EMS was called and upon their arrival they took over providing care for Mr. Lench and departed the facility at 0735 hours. By the time Mr. Lench arrived at Guadalupe Regional Medical Center he was no longer able to breathe on his own. After assessment he was transported to University Hospital in San Antonio Texas. There Mr. Lench's condition worsened and CPR along with another medical procedure were performed. At 1014 hours Mr. Lench was pronounced deceased.