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ATTORNEY GENERAL *of* TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number: 23-1239-PF

Version Type: ORIGINAL
VERSION

Report Date: 9/19/2023 3:05 PM

Status: Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name: Garza County
Sheriff's Office

Agency Address: 412 E. 15th

Agency City: Post

Agency State: TX

Agency Zip: 79356

Director Information

Director Salutation: Sheriff

Director First Name: Terry

Director Middle Name:

Director Last Name: Morgan

Reporter Name: Michael
Copeland

Reporter Email: michael.copeland@co.garza.tx.us

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Carlos

Middle Name: Rodriguez

Last Name: Munoz

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 11/25/1975

Sex: Male

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 47

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

Date/Time of Custody or
Incident: 8/7/2023 10:46 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 9/14/2023 11:18
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:

Inmate was diagnosed with Leukemia.

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: 805 North Ave f

City: Post

County: Garza

Zip: 79356

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: Private Facility

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: 8/7/2023 10:46 AM

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:

AGG ASSAULT W/DEADLY WEAPON

Offense 2:

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: 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 September 7, 2023, Inmate Munoz, Carlos was seen by the Garza (P) medical staff, where PA J. Castle ordered inmate Munoz to be transported by Emergency Medical Services to University Medical Center in Lubbock, Texas for further evaluation of inmate Munoz, due to severe headache and weakness in his right hand to rule out stroke. After arriving to UMC, inmate Munoz was admitted into UMC for further evaluation. During his stay, inmate Munoz received multiple blood test and transfusions. He was diagnosed with Leukemia. After being diagnosed with Leukemia, inmate Munoz's health began to rapidly deteriorate. Inmate Munoz was then assigned to the MICU at UMC for continued care. During this time inmate Munoz was placed on High Flow Oxygen at 100 percent. On September 14, 2023, inmate Munoz began refusing medical treatment, at which time he began to deteriorate more rapidly. At approximately 7:15 pm, medical staff reduced the oxygen flow to inmate Munoz at his request. At approximately 8:30 pm, the high flow oxygen was completely removed from inmate Munoz and was given reduced nasal canula. Inmate Munoz was then sedated by UMC medical staff, and continuously monitored by UMC staff, periodically reducing the amount of oxygen. At 11:18 pm, inmate Munoz was pronounced deceased by M.D. M. Elmassry.