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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	23-935-CJ	Version Type:	ORIGINAL VERSION
Report Date:	7/31/2023 2:13 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Cameron County Sheriff's Dept.	Agency Address:	7300 Old Alice Rd
Agency City:	Olmito	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	78575		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Eric
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Garza		
Reporter Name:	Juan Barron	Reporter Email:	juan.barron@co.cameron.tx.us

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Sylvia

Middle Name:

Last Name: Manuel

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 2/10/1960 Sex: Female

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 63

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 7/25/2023 5:45 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 7/25/2023 5:29 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:

Natural cause - Ruptured Myocardial Infarction.

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?:	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?:	Could not be determined

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

Means of Death:	Other, specify
Means of Death Other:	Sufficient natural disease was found at autopsy to allow certification of death, as noted - Ruptured Myocardial Infarction.

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address:	7100 Old Alice Road	City:	Olmito
County:	Cameron	Zip:	78575

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:	6/11/2023 12:30 PM

Where did the death occur?

Death Location:	Law enforcement facility/booking center

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:

Terroristic Threat

Offense 2:

Criminal Trespass

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):	Unknown	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?:	Unknown
Physically attempt/assault officer(s):	No	Gain possession of officer's weapon:	No
Verbally threaten other(s) including law:	Unknown	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:

Female inmate Sylvia Manuel was found on the floor unconscious on a single cell (shower area). An autopsy was ordered, and revealed the cause of death was Ruptured Myocardial Infarction. The death was ruled as natural cause. Texas Ranger Patrick O'Conner processed the scene and took lead in the investigation.