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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number: 24-1359-CJ

Version Type: AMENDED

Report Date: 9/12/2024 9:22 AM

Status: Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name: Brazoria County
Sheriff's Office

Agency Address: 3602 County Road
45

Agency City: Angleton

Agency State: TX

Agency Zip: 77515

Director Information

Director Salutation: Sheriff

Director First Name: Leonard

Director Middle Name:

Director Last Name: Stallman

Reporter Name: Clinton Lobpries

Reporter Email: clintl@brazoriacountytx.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Angelo

Middle Name: Edward

Last Name: Pypcenski

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 11/30/1966

Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 57

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

Date/Time of Custody or
Incident: 7/31/2024 3:02 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 7/31/2024 3:02 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:

Complications of Atherosclerotic and Hypertensive Cardiovascular Disease with contributory cause of cirrhosis.

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: Natural

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address: 3602 County Road
45

City: Angleton

County: Brazoria

Zip: 77515

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 - 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: 6/28/2024 9:47 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:

Manufacture and Delivery of a Controlled Substance

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:

Inv. H. Goolsby-Dunn
Offense location: 132 E. Hospital Drive, Angleton-UTMB
BCSO Case number: 2407-0593
Date Assigned : 07/31/2024

On 07/31/2024 I, Investigator H. Dunn of the Brazoria County Sheriff's Office was serving as the on call CID Investigator for the south end of Brazoria County. At approximately 0300 hours, I was notified by dispatch of a death investigation that occurred at 132 E. Hospital Drive, Angleton (UTMB ER) with the decedent being a Brazoria County Detention Center inmate. During the investigation, Danbury EMS transported the inmate to UTMB due to medical issues. See supplement

I arrived on scene, made contact with Brazoria County S.O. jailer S. Palasota who was standing guard at trauma room #5. I learned the following from Jailer Palasota. The inmate was identified as Pypcienski, Angelo Edward WM DOB: 11/30/1966 SO#55247. Palasota advised on 07/30/2024 at approximately 21:35 hours, the infirmary called dispatch in reference to inmate, Pypcienski having shortness of breath and oxygen level is low. Palasota continued to inform, Danbury EMS arrived at the Brazoria County Detention center at approximately 21:36 hours.

Palasota continued to advise; Pypcienski was loaded onto the ambulance at approximately 22:00 hours and arrived at Angleton UTMB ER at approximately 22:11 hours. Palasota advised he rode on the ambulance with Pypcienski. Palasota advised UTMB was able to stabilize Pypcienski's breathing. At approximately 0200 hours, Pypcienski informed the nurse he was having difficulty breathing. At approximately 0201 hours, UTMB began chest compression due to Pypcienski being unresponsive with no pulse detected. At approximately 02:22 hours, the residing doctor, Dr. Yarima pronounced Pypcienski as deceased.

BC CSI Rutledge, BC CSI Inv. B. Jones, and I entered trauma room #5, which is the current location of Pypcienski, at this time. I observed the following. Pypcienski was provided with an orange shirt and pants from the Brazoria County Detention Center. Pypcienski was lying on his back with both arms and legs extended. The hands, stomach, ankles, and feet of Pypcienski were swollen. At this time, I did not detect any physical signs of foul play.

The aforementioned CSI investigators began the scene processing while I departed trauma room 5, which is a small room. I subsequently established communication with RN Lindsey Taylor at the nurses' station. RN Taylor supplied the following. Pypcienski was experiencing pericardial effusion (swelling) because of cardiac

edema or congestive heart failure.

RN Taylor continued to provide guidance; however, Pypcienski experienced cardiac arrest and unconsciousness immediately after he reported breathing difficulties. RN Taylor indicated that CPR and defibrillation become administered; however, they were unsuccessful in reviving him. Dr. Yarima declared the time of death to be 02:22 hours, per RN Taylor.

Texas Ranger E. Lopez arrived at the hospital at approximately 04:37 hours, at which point I provided him with my findings. Texas Ranger Lopez remained on scene until the completion of the inquest.

At approximately 05:09 hours, JP 4/2 Judge Kersh arrived at the hospital to conduct the inquest. While Judge Kersh conducted the inquest, I completed page 3 of the three-page death notification form. I handed the completed form over to CSI B. Jones. Judge Kersh concluded Galveston County M.E. Office would conduct a full autopsy and toxicology. Judge Kersh contacted Price Transport to respond and conduct the transport of Pypcienski to Galveston CO M.E. office. Judge Kersh departed the hospital at approximately 05:20 hours. At approximately 05:36 hours, I departed the hospital and responded to the jail.

I arrived at the jail at approximately 05:51 hours and met with the captain of the jail, Capt. Williams. I inquired of Captain Williams whether Pypcienski's had emergency contact numbers. He responded that they did not. At approximately 06:14 hours, I departed the jail and proceeded to my office to attempt to locate Pypcienski's emergency contact and/or family member information.

At this time, I accessed NCIC and VERUS website, a program utilized by inmates to communicate with the public and or with jail staff. During Pypcienski's incarceration time (06/28/24 to 07/31/24), he made one phone call on 07/17/2024 to 1-800-606-4514 number, with no answer. On 06/28/2024, during the booking process, Pypcienski made one phone call to 979-633-6673. I called the aforementioned phone number and received an automatize recording, after continuous ringing "sorry your call can't be completed as dialed. Please hang up and try again later." I applied the phone number 979-633-6673 to the CLEAR website. The MetroPCS prepaid phone number does not have a registered owner. When applying the phone number to RMS and CAD, there was no results. When searching Pypcienski's name in Odyssey under the section "find party", the only results are for court hearings due to criminal offenses. When searching Pypcienski under the jail section of Odyssey, I learned the following. When viewing the following dates of booking, 10/30/1995, 05/20/1997, 01/31/1999, 02/27/2002, 08/16/2002, 03/22/2003, 12/16/2003, 10/15/2004, 11/07/2018, 06/28/2024 under the family member section, contacts, phone call, there are no phone numbers or names. When viewing the statutory warnings for the aforementioned incarcerations, all documents state, "found indigent".

When applying Pypcienski's name and date of birth to the CLEAR website, I learned the following. The name, Silas Chris Pypcienski (WM DOB: 02/28/1969) was listed as an associate. When searching the aforementioned name in CLEAR, I learned the last known address for Silas was 545 Magnolia Ave #8, Panama City, FL with the following contact numbers, 409-892-4043 and 409-347-1696. At this time, I called BCSO Dispatch and spoke to H. Deabay. I requested a teletype to be sent to Panama City PD and request contact to be made at the above Florida address. At approximately 11:20 am, I received a phone call from Lt. McCoy (850-890-6501) with Panama City PD. Lt. McCoy advised the address provided is a motel. Lt. McCoy continued to advise he made contact at room #8 and spoke to a female. The female advised she was familiar with Silas and not Angelo. The female continued to advise, she has not spoken or seen Silas for about a year now. The female continued to advice Lt. McCoy, Silas left the State of Florida due to having outstanding warrants in several States for failure to register as a sex offender.

At approximately 11:36am, I sent an email to BC CIU Capt. Pate requesting assistance in locating emergency contact numbers for Pypcienski. Capt. Pate distributed my requested assistance via email to several local agencies. I received several replies, but with the same intel, I established. I received a reply from Det. N. Mezzino with Clute PD. Det. Mezzino located the listed below associates attached to Pypcienski by utilizing the TLOxp (TransUnion LE website) website.

LK address: 1630 W 5th St, Freeport, TX
Ivette Marin Alanis -832-366-7854 address: 1630 W 5th St, Freeport, TX
Rosa Ramos-979-201-6722
Analissa Ramos-979-655-3197
Jorge Ramos -979-709-9072

I called all of the above listed numbers, at which all parties advised they are not familiar with the name Angelo Pypcienski. When conducting further research for the address in Freeport, I learned the property is a rental property. The above listed Ramos names were previous tenants, with Mrs. Alanis currently residing there. I further learned, Pypcienski resided at the Freeport address during the years of 1989 to 1994.

EVIDENCE COLLECTED/SUBMITTED:

The below documents are attached to the case in RMS

a. BCSO DC digital documents, statements and video ref inmate Angelo Pypcienski SO#55247

AUGUST 01, 2024-THURSDAY

During the search of Pypcienski's name in Odyssey, I learned Pypcienski was transferred to TDCJ in 2019. I called C. Cegielski with TDCJ internal affairs investigation division. I provided Cegielski with Pypcienski's information. Cegielski advised during Pypcienski's incarceration (TDCJ #2277309), there are no visitations listed. Cegielski provided the following family history names, Pypcienski provided.

Michele Harrington-x-wife
Nelda and Ralph Pypcienski - parents

When applying the name Michele Harrington to CLEAR, I learned the following. Michele Harrington wf DOB: 08/26/1969 last known address was 1511 Longhorn Ave, West Orange, TX 77630, as of 2022. Harrington and Pypcienski show to have a shared address, 6510 N HWY 105, Vidor, TX 77662 in 2018.

When searching the name, Ralph Pypcienski utilizing CLEAR, I learned the following. CLEAR displayed one Ralph Edward Pypcienski's (WM DOB: 06/08/1930) TXDL# 01570428 with the status as deceased. When applying TXDL# 01570428, to TLETS, the driver's license returns to Ralph Pypcienski and shows reported deceased.

When searching the name, Nelda Pypcienski utilizing CLEAR, I learned the following. CLEAR showed one subject with the name Nelda Gay Pypcienski DOB: 03/23/1943 with TXDL # 02045187, with two arrest out of Freeport PD. When viewing the aforementioned Freeport arrest, the arrest was conducted on 01/28/1983. When applying TXDL# 02045187 to TLETS, the driver's license returns to Pamela Johnson (BF DOB: 07/30/57) and reported as deceased. When applying the name and date of birth for Nelda Pypcienski to TLETS and NLETS, there is no registered Texas DL and or other States.

DISPOSITION: Active/pending M.E. report