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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

PA Number: PA16099MJ

Report Date: 3/11/2016 4:02 PM

Status: Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Department ID: 399

Department Type: POLICE

Agency Name: Houston Police
Dept.

Agency Number: TXHPD0000

Agency Phone: 7133081600

Agency Address: 1200 Travis

Agency City: Houston

Agency County: Harris

Agency State: TX

Agency Zip: 77002

Director Information

Director Salutation:

Chief

Director First Name:

Charles

Director Middle Name:

A.

Director Last Name:

McClelland, Jr.

Reporter Name: Off SA
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provided by Sgt

Reporter Email: stephanie.reyes@houstonpolice.org

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address: 61 Riesner

City: Houston

County: Harris

What type of custody/facility was the Decedent in at the time of death:

Type of Custody:

Municipal Jail

Specific type of custody/facility:

Specific Type of Custody/Facility:

Jail - single cell

Custody Type Facility:

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:

Entry Date Time N/A: ☒

Where did the death occur?

Death Location: Elsewhere

Death Location Elsewhere: Home

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Antonio

Middle Name:

Last Name: Arellano

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 11/17/1994

Sex: Male

Ethnicity: Hispanic

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

Death Date and Time: 2/19/2016 7:00 PM

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident:

1/22/2016 11:15 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:

Suicide

Manner of Death Description:

Death Reason:

Not applicable

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Complications due to hypoxic encephalopathy due to hanging

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

Medical Treatment:

Not Applicable

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

Who caused the death?:

Not applicable; cause of death was suicide, intoxication or illness/natural causes

Death Causer Other:

If a weapon caused the death, what type of weapon caused the death? (mark all that apply)

Type of Death Weapon:

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:

Hanging, strangulation

General Information

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:

Possession of Marijuana

Offense 2:

Offense 3:

Were the Charges::

Filed

What were the types of charges or reason for contact?

Type of Offense:

Injuries of Decedent

Injured By: Injured by Suicide

At any time during the incident and/or entry into the law enforcement facility, did the decedent:

Appear intoxicated (alcohol or drugs): No

Exhibit any mental health problems?:

Exhibit any medical problems?:

At any time during the incident and/or entry into the law enforcement facility, did the decedent:

Threaten the officer(s) involved: No

Resist being handcuffed or arrested?: No

Try to escape/flee from custody: No

Grab, hit or fight with the officer(s): No

Other Behavior:



Specify Other Behavior:

Use weapon threaten/assault officer(s): 0

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 January 22, 2016, at approximately 11:15 a.m., Mr. Antonio Arellano (W/M 11-17-94), was arrested in the 5700 block of Post Oak Manor Dr, Houston, Harris County, Texas. Mr. Arellano was arrested for misdemeanor possession of marijuana by Houston Police Officers under HPD case# 92780-16. Antonio Arellano was booked into the Houston City Jail, located at 61 Riesner on January 22, 2016, at 11:48 a.m., claimed to be in good health and was released by the medical screeners without incident. On January 23,

2016, at approximately 5:40 p.m., Mr. Arellano was found hanging in his single occupancy cell on the 6th floor of the jail. Jail staff cut Mr. Arellano down, who had hung himself using a blanket affixed to the top of the jail door. Mr. Arellano was unresponsive and taken to Memorial Hermann Hospital where he was breathing and kept on life support. Mr. Arellano remained at Memorial Hermann Hospital until he was released to his mother's home on February 12, 2016. On February 19, 2016, Mr. Arellano's mother contacted paramedics and said that her son was found dead in his bed. Mr. Arellano was transported to the hospital where he was pronounced deceased. On February 20, 2016, an autopsy was performed on Mr. Arellano by Dr. H. Penerary at the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences under ML#16-0664. Dr. Penerary stated that Mr. Arellano was severely de-hydrated and found the initial manner of death to be a suicide. The full autopsy report is pending. Antonio Arellano was on bond for an aggravated assault with a deadly weapon from 06-24-2015, in the 339th district court, in which Mr. Arellano shot a man in a parking lot.