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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

PA Number:	PA16292CJ	Report Date:	7/11/2016 3:38 PM
Status:	Submitted		

Agency/Facility Information

Department ID:	80	Department Type:	SHERIFF
Agency Name:	Bowie County Sheriff's Dept.	Agency Number:	TX0190000
Agency Phone:	9037983149	Agency Address:	100 North State Line Ave.
Agency City:	Texarkana	Agency County:	Bowie
Agency State:	TX	Agency Zip:	75501

Director Information

Director Salutation:

Sheriff

Director First Name:

James

Director Middle Name:

W.

Director Last Name:

Prince

Reporter Name:	Jeffrey K. Neal	Reporter Email:	jneal@txkusa.org

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address: 1000 Pine Street

City: Texarkana

County: Bowie

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

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: 3/22/2016 10:51 AM

Where did the death occur?

Death Location: At medical facility

Death Location Elsewhere:

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Oscar

Middle Name:

Last Name: Garza

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 10/14/1965 Sex: Male

Ethnicity: Hispanic

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

Death Date and Time: 6/20/2016 10:40 AM

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident:

8/13/1997 5:00 PM

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 Causes/Illness

Manner of Death Description:

Heart disease

Death Reason:

Not applicable

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Ypertensive arteriosclerotic cardiovascular disease

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?:

Don\'t know

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

Means of Death:

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

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:

Rape

Offense 2:

Offense 3:

Were the Charges::

Convicted

What were the types of charges or reason for contact?

Type of Offense:

Injuries of Decedent

Injured By: Injured by NA

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:

Yes

Summary of Incident

Summary of How the Death Occurred: (max. 30,000 characters)

Summary:

On June 20, 2016 Arkansas Department of Corrections (ADC) inmate Oscar Garza who was being housed in the Bowie County Jail was transported to Wadley Hospital with chest pains after attempts by the medical staff to treat him at the facility were unsuccessful. Sergeant Brandon Sumner and Correctional Officer (CO) Shawn Palmer escorted Garza to the hospital. Garza fell over while they were still in triage. CO Palmer caught Garza as he fell and medical personnel came to his aid. The doctors and nurses worked to revive Garza for an extended period of time, but were unable to do so. Garza had a medical history including hypertension and diabetes. He was taking medications for both of these conditions at the facility. Garza was sent to Little Rock for an autopsy at the request of ADC. The results of his autopsy were still pending at the time of this report.