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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

PA Number: PA16475MJ

Report Date: 10/7/2016 12:00 AM

Status: Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Department ID: 737

Department Type: POLICE

Agency Name: Rosenberg Police Dept.

Agency Number: TX0790300

Agency Phone: 2813443341

Agency Address: 2120 4th St.

Agency City: Rosenberg

Agency County: Fort Bend

Agency State: TX

Agency Zip: 77471

Director Information

Director Salutation:

Chief

Director First Name:

Dallis

Director Middle Name:

Director Last Name:

Warren

Reporter Name: William Henry

Reporter Email: william.henry@rosenbergtx.gov

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address: 2120 4th Street

City: Rosenberg

County: Fort Bend

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: 10/3/2016 2:00 PM

Where did the death occur?

Death Location: At law enforcement
facility

Death Location Elsewhere:

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Joseph

Middle Name: Allen

Last Name: Gunter

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 11/8/1982

Sex: Male

Ethnicity: Hispanic

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

Death Date and Time: 10/3/2016 8:20 PM

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident:

10/3/2016 2:00 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 pending

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:

pending autopsy report

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 Controlled Substance

Offense 2:

Offense 3:

Were the Charges::

Not filed at time of death

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:

No

Summary of Incident

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

Summary:

Joseph Gunter was booked into Rosenberg Police Department and placed into a cell by himself. An officer conducting a jail check discovered Gunter hanging in the cell. Gunter had taken his belt and tied one end off to the bunk bed frame. Gunter put the other end around his neck. The officer called EMS, but Gunter was pronounced dead at the hospital.