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Custodial Death Report
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Agency/Facility Information

Name: Pasadena Police Dept.
Address: 1114 Jeff Ginn Memorial Dr
City, Zip: Pasadena, 77506
Phone: 713-475-5595
Director: Michael R. Massey
Name of Report Filer: J.A. Bruegger

Identity Of Deceased

Name: Pedro Gonzalez
Race/Ethnicity: Hispanic
Sex: Male
DOB: 02-17-1956
Age: 51

Date Of Custody (arrest, incarceration)

7-21-2007 2:15 am

Date Of Death

7-21-2007 7:46 am

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Address: 1114 Jeff Ginn Memorial Dr
City: Pasadena
County: Harris

Has a medical examiner or coroner conducted an evaluation to determine a cause of death?

Yes, results pending

Apparent Manner Of Death:

Justifiable Homicide

Medical Cause Of Death:

Pending Autopsy Results

Was the cause of death the result of a pre-existing medical condition or did the deceased develop the condition after admission?

Not Applicable; cause of death was accidental injury, intoxication, suicide or

homicide

Had the deceased been receiving treatment for the medical condition after admission to your jail's jurisdiction?

No

Type of Custody

Jail - holding cell

What were the most serious offenses with which the deceased was (or would have been charged with at the time of death)?

1. Assault on a Police Officer
2. Resisting Arrest

Status: Filed

Type of Charges

Violent Crime Against Persons

Did the deceased die from a medical condition or from injuries sustained at the crime/arrest scene?

Injuries only

If injured at the crime/arrest scene, how were these injuries sustained?

Inflicted by law enforcement officers

Was the deceased under restraint in the time leading up to the death or the events causing the death?

No

At any time during the arrest/incident, did the deceased:

- Appear intoxicated (either alcohol or drugs)? - Yes.
- Threaten the officers(s) involved? - No.
- Resist being handcuffed or arrested? - Yes.
- Try to escape/flee from custody? - No.
- Grab, hit or fight with the officer(s) involved? - Yes.
- Use a weapon to threaten or assault the officer(s)? - No.
- Other - No.
- Not Applicable - No.

What type of weapon(s) caused the death?

Not Applicable

Where did the deceased die?

At law enforcement facility

What was the time and date of the deceased's entry into the law enforcement facility where the death occurred?

7-21-2007 2:20 am

At the time of entry into the facility, did the deceased:

Appear intoxicated (either alcohol or drugs)? - Yes.
Exhibit any mental health problems? - No.
Exhibit any medical problems? - Yes.
Not Applicable - No.

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

Law enforcement/correctional staff

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

Other

Specify: Knee strikes

Summary of How the Death Occurred:

On 07/21/07 at approximately 0208 hrs the deceased was located as he was attempting to conceal himself in the bed of a pickup truck in a closed mechanic shop parking lot. When officers contacted the deceased they observed him to have signs and symptoms consistent with a person under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol. The officers attempted to arrest the deceased for public intoxication at which time an altercation ensued between the officers and the deceased. The deceased kicked and struck the officers several times. The officers used several knee strikes to the deceased's torso to subdue him. The deceased was handcuffed and transported to the Pasadena City Jail where he was booked for assault on a police officer and resisting arrest. Due to the altercation at the scene the arresting officers summoned an ambulance to the jail. The deceased was evaluated by ambulance personnel who found the deceased's vital signs to be normal. The deceased refused transport to the hospital and was confined in a holding cell in the booking area of the jail. At approximately 0740 hrs on 07/21/07, jail staff observed the deceased was not breathing and summoned an ambulance, who pronounced the deceased dead. An autopsy revealed that the deceased had 11 rib fractures on 8 of his ribs. One of the rib fractures pierced the deceased lung which caused him to bleed internally. It should be noted that due to the deceased's age, poor nutrition, and alcoholism, he was more susceptible to broken bones, including ribs.