CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

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Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name: TDCJ/Office of the Inspector General  
Agency Address: 1012 Veterans Memorial Parkway
Agency City: Huntsville  
Agency State: TX
Agency Zip: 77320

Director Information

Director Salutation: Director  
Director First Name: Cris
Director Middle Name:
Director Last Name: Love

Reporter Name: Ashley Gutierrez  
Reporter Email: ashley.gutierrez@tdcj.texas.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased
First Name: Ricky

Middle Name: 

Last Name: Hernandez 

Suffix: 

Date of Birth: 8/9/1993  
Sex: Male 
Race: Hispanic or Latino 

Age At Time Of Death: 26 

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

12/1/2017 12:00 AM 

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

5/22/2020 2:17 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 pending 

What was the manner of death? (select only one) 

Manner of Death: Suicide
Medical Cause of Death:

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?: Decedent

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?: 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

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?
Street Address: 2661 FM 2054
City: Tennessee Colony
County: Anderson
Zip: 75880

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: Penitentiary

Specific type of custody/facility:

Specific Type of Custody/Facility:

TDCJ, specify

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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: 12/1/2017 12:00 AM

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?: No

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: Harassment of public servant

Offense 2:

Offense 3:

Were the Charges: Convicted

What were the types of charges or reason for contact? (Hold CTRL to select all that apply)

Type of Offense: Violent Crime Against Persons

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
Physically attempt/assault officer(s): No
Verbally threaten other(s) including law: No
Attempt gain possession officer's weapon: No
Resist being handcuffed or arrested?: No
Gain possession of officer's weapon: No
Escape or attempt to escape/flee custody: 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:
On May 22, 2020, at approximately 0138 hours, Offender Ricky Hernandez, TDCJ #2165195, was discovered unresponsive and hanging in his cell. The offender was pronounced deceased by medical staff.