



McAllen Police Department

MEDIA RELEASE

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In Custody Death Reported

Nature of CFS: Disturbance (In-Progress).
Date: 08/18/2021.
Time: 3:44 PM.
Location: 2900 Block Camelia Ave. McAllen, Texas.

CFS Summary: Reporting Person (RP) is a health care provider for female at this location. The RP reported that a “fem[ale] at loc[ation] ...having a dist[urbance] ...female is RP’s client for provider services...male [named] Richard Cordova may be hurting female [and] unk[nown] weapon, un[known] intox[ication] but ...has a history of drug and alcohol abuse.” The suspect at this CFS was later identified as Richard Cordova, 55 years of age.

At:
3:53 PM Responding Officers arrive at the CFS location, summoned Emergency Medical Services (EMS) to CFS location.
4:06 PM radio channels are cleared due to struggle with suspect.
4:07 PM responding officers report suspect detained.
4:08 PM EMS posts at the scene.
4:10 PM Responding Officers report situation under control with no injuries. Proceed to McAllen PD Jail.

At the McAllen PD Jail, the suspect refused to cooperate with booking procedures and is combative with Jail personnel. The suspect was placed in a padded cell and once clothing was removed, handcuffs were removed. Jail personnel noted having learned that the suspect may have ingested a “rock” of “METH” and was experiencing irregular breathing.

4:51 PM Officers were requested at the Jail to assist to transport the suspect for medical clearance. The suspect however remained uncooperative and combative with all personnel. Based upon such, EMS was requested at the jail to attempt to transport the suspect on a gurney for the requested medical clearance; and at

5:34 PM EMS transported the suspect to McAllen Medical Center. The suspect passed away at MMC. Autopsy is pending.

The suspect has been identified as: Ricardo R. Cordova, 55 yrs. of age with last known address at McAllen, Texas. His history reflects 24 previous arrests.

The female that was reported as having a disturbance with the suspect is suspect's "girlfriend" and victim in this incident.

A search at the scene of this call resulted in seizure of a drug substance believed to be "METH".

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