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Inmate With Medical Problems Dies At Travis County Correctional Complex

On October 30, 2007, at 5:15 am, an inmate was found unresponsive, by Corrections Officers, in his cell at the Travis County Correctional Complex (TCCC). They called a medical emergency and started CPR while Austin/Travis County EMS responded to the scene. Despite the efforts of all involved the inmate was pronounced deceased at 5:45 am.

The inmate, who was identified as Johnny Gomez, Jr., Date of Birth 11-10-1958, of Austin, was arrested by the Austin Police Department on September 30, 2007 for Assault Causing Bodily Injury, Bond $8,000.00.

The Travis County Medical Examiner’s Office conducted a preliminary examination. There was no signs foul play on the body. They are awaiting toxicology results before releasing their final report but they did say that the manner of death was natural causes due to multiple medical issues.

It is routine for several investigations to occur at the same time when there is an “in custody” death. The Sheriff’s Office Internal Affairs Unit as well as the Major Crime Unit will conduct separate investigations into the death. At the same time the Travis County Medical Examiner’s Office will conduct their own examination to determine the cause and manner of death.

Note: This is the fifth in-custody death in the Travis County Jail in 2007.

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