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Inmate Pronounced Deceased At Local Hospital

On March 28, 2007, at about 3am, an inmate was pronounced deceased at Brackenridge Hospital. He was taken to Brackenridge Hospital on March 17th because his various illnesses had worsened.

The inmate, identified as Robert Sanchez Gil, Date of Birth 10-25-1947 of Austin, had been in the Travis County Jail since February 16, 2007. He had been charged with Failure to Register as a Sex Offender, 3rd Degree Felony, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Class C Misdemeanor, City Ordinance Violation, Class C Misdemeanor, and Possession of Marijuana, Class B Misdemeanor. His sentence was completed on the Marijuana charge. He was also waiting transfer to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice to complete a 2-year sentence for his felony charge and he had a release to appear later on the two Class C charges.

The Travis County Medical Examiners Office has completed their examination of Mr. Gil. They stated that there were no signs of foul play and ruled the cause of death as numerous serious chronic health problems.

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.

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

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