INMATE DIES AT TRAVIS COUNTY JAIL

On October 12, 2010, at about 11:30pm, a Corrections Officer making his rounds found an inmate in his cell hanging by part of his blanket. The Corrections Officer called for medical assistance to try to revive the inmate but he was pronounced deceased at 12:12am.

The inmate was first arrested by the Austin Police Department for DWI and multiple traffic warrants on October 3, 2010 and identified as:

Dante Uresti, Date of Birth 10-18-1985.

Because he had a detainer from Immigration and Customs Enforcement he was released into their custody on October 12, 2010. Once at their office ICE Agents checked their fingerprint files and found that Mr. Uresti was actually,

Gilberto Rubio-Turrubiates, Date of Birth 10-18-1985,

and he had a warrant from Hidalgo County for Murder. The agents returned him to the Travis County Jail where he was awaiting extradition to Hidalgo County.

According to the ME’s office the initial findings indicate there were no other injuries other than the ones indicating the manner of death was self strangulation, however, a cause of death will not be released until the final autopsy report is completed.

As is usual with death in custody incidents, the Medical Examiner’s Office was called to the scene to start their investigation along with the Major Crimes Unit and the Internal Affairs Unit.

Note: This is the 6th jail death in custody reported this year by the Travis County Sheriff’s Office.

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