



U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Detainee Death Report: RODRIGUEZ-Espinoza, Roberto

General Demographic/Background Information

- **Date of Birth:** January 3, 1982
- **Date of Death:** September 10, 2019
- **Age:** 37
- **Gender:** Male
- **Country of Citizenship:** Mexico
- **Marital Status:** Single
- **Children:** NA

Immigration History

- On September 3, 2019, ICE Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) encountered Mr. RODRIGUEZ in Chicago, Illinois (IL), while conducting investigations for violations of the Immigration Nationality Act and transferred Mr. RODRIGUEZ to the custody of ICE Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) Chicago at McHenry County Adult Correctional Facility (MCACF) for overnight housing.
- On September 4, 2019, ERO processed Mr. RODRIGUEZ at the Broadview Service Staging Area in Broadview, IL before transferring Mr. RODRIGUEZ back to MCACF.

Criminal History

- On May 29, 2008, Mr. RODRIGUEZ was convicted in Cook County, IL of a class A misdemeanor larceny charge and sentenced to six months' supervision.
- On September 21, 2016, Mr. RODRIGUEZ was convicted of both a class 2 felony burglary charge and a class 1 felony residential burglary charge. Mr. Rodriguez was sentenced to 2 years' probation with 324 days credit time served.

Medical History

- **On September 3, 2019:** an MCACF custody officer completed Mr. RODRIGUEZ's medical intake screening and documented Mr. RODRIGUEZ's appearance as "ok." Mr. RODRIGUEZ did not report any medical or mental health issues, and denied taking any medications, but he reported a history of drinking "a six pack every day." A licensed practical nurse (LPN) reviewed the intake screening and no further actions were noted.
- **On September 7, 2019:**
 - At approximately 3:30 p.m., an MCACF custody officer observed Mr. RODRIGUEZ acting confused and unfamiliar with his surroundings and reported this behavior to an LPN. The LPN observed Mr. RODRIGUEZ's behavior as consistent with possible alcohol withdrawal. The LPN initiated alcohol detoxification protocols and advised the officer to transfer Mr. RODRIGUEZ to medical for observation.
 - At approximately 4:19 p.m., an LPN administered Mr. RODRIGUEZ an immediate dose of chlordiazepoxide (Librium; a tranquilizer used to treat anxiety and alcoholism) 25 mg, by mouth.
 - At approximately 9:45 p.m., the LPN contacted the facility's medical doctor (MD) and reported Mr. RODRIGUEZ's history of alcohol abuse and ongoing altered mental status.



The MD ordered Mr. RODRIGUEZ transferred to the local emergency department (ED) for a neurological evaluation and to rule out delirium tremens.

- At approximately 10:45 p.m., Mr. RODRIGUEZ arrived at Northwestern Medicine Woodstock Hospital (NMWH) ED.
- **On September 8, 2019:**
 - At approximately 2:30 a.m., an MCACF LPN spoke to a NMWH ED medical representative who reported Mr. RODRIGUEZ required a transfer to Northwestern Medicine Huntley Hospital (NMHH) for a higher level of care, due to his severely altered mental status.
 - At approximately 3:10 a.m., Mr. RODRIGUEZ arrived at NMHH, where he received a computed tomography (CT) scan, which showed a bleed in his brain requiring intubation and a neurosurgery evaluation. Since NMHH did not have a neurosurgeon at their facility, NMHH transferred Mr. RODRIGUEZ to Northwestern Medicine Central DuPage Hospital (NMCDH) for a higher level of care.
 - At approximately 7:43 p.m., Mr. RODRIGUEZ arrived at NMCDH and received a neurological examination, to which he failed to respond. NMCDH's neurosurgeon evaluated Mr. RODRIGUEZ and advised against surgery to treat his chronic acute brain bleed because Mr. RODRIGUEZ had irreversible loss of all brain function and a poor chance of survival. The neurosurgeon admitted Mr. RODRIGUEZ into the intensive care unit and placed him on life support.
- **On September 9, 2019,** Mr. RODRIGUEZ remained in critical condition and dependent on life support. ERO continued to seek familial contact in order to determine next steps due to his poor prognosis.

Synopsis of Death

- **On September 10, 2019:**
 - At approximately 8:00 p.m., NMCDH performed imaging studies to identify Mr. RODRIGUEZ's blood flow in his brain. The results showed no blood flow.
 - At approximately 9:35 p.m., NMCDH MDs disconnected Mr. RODRIGUEZ from life support and pronounced him dead.
- Preliminary cause of death: subdural hematoma (a collection of blood outside of the brain).