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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	16-68-PF	Version Type:	AMENDED
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Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Pharr Police Dept.	Agency Address:	1900 S. Cage Blvd.
Agency City:	Pharr	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	78577		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Chief	Director First Name:	Ruben
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Villescas		
Reporter Name:	Ruben Villescas	Reporter Email:	ruben.villescas@pd.pharr-tx.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Martin

Middle Name:

Last Name: Gomez

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 8/11/1970 Sex: Male

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 46

Date/Time of Custody (arrest, incarceration) (mm/dd/yyyy hh:mm AM/PM):

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 12/20/2016 4:00 AM

Date/Time of Death (mm/dd/yyyy hh:mm AM/PM):

Death Date and Time: 12/20/2016 4:00 AM

Manner / Cause of Death

Has a medical examiner or coroner conducted an evaluation to determine a cause of death?

Medical Examiner/Coroner Evaluation?: Yes, results are available

What was the manner of death? (select only one)

Manner of Death: Homicide (includes Justifiable Homicide)

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:
Gunshot wounds of chest and abdomen

Had the decedent been receiving treatment for the medical condition that caused the death after admission to your jail's jurisdiction?

Medical Treatment:	Not Applicable

If death was an accident, homicide or suicide, who caused the death?

Who caused the death?:	Law enforcement/correctional personnel

If a weapon caused the death, what type of weapon caused the death? (Hold CTRL to select all that apply)

Type of weapon that caused death?:	Handgun

Was the cause of death the result of a pre-existing medical condition or did the decedent develop the condition after admission?

Pre existing medical condition?:	Not Applicable; cause of death was accidental injury, intoxication, suicide or homicide

If death was an accident, homicide or suicide, what was the means of death?

Means of Death:	Firearm

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address: 221 East Emil
City: Pharr
County: Hidalgo
Zip: 78577

What location category best describes where the event causing the death occurred?

Location Category: Residence/Home

What type of custody/facility was the Decedent in at the time of death:

Type of Custody: Private Facility

Specific type of custody/facility:

Specific Type of Custody/Facility:

Hospital/Infirmary

What was the time and date of the deceased's entry into the law enforcement facility where the death occurred (mm/dd/yyyy hh:mm AM/PM):

Entry Date Time:

Entry Date Time N/A: ☑

Where did the death occur?

Death Location: Medical facility

General Information

Did any other law enforcement agencies respond to calls for service related to this incident?

Other Agencies Respond?: Yes

What were the most serious offense(s) with which the deceased was (or would have been) charged with at the time of death?

Offense 1:

Aggravated Assault Against a Public Servant

Offense 2:

Offense 3:

Were the Charges:: Not filed at time of death

What were the types of charges or reason for contact? (Hold CTRL to select all that apply)

Type of Offense: Other, specify

Type of Offense, Other:

Domestic Disturbance at home

At any time during the incident and/or entry into the law enforcement facility, did the decedent display or use a weapon?

Decedent display/use of weapons: Yes, mark all that apply

Decedent Display or Use Weapon Details: Used other weapon, specify:

Specify Weapon Used:

knife

At any time during the incident and/or entry into the law enforcement facility, did the decedent:

Yes (select all that

Attempt to Injure Others?:	apply)
Ways Decedent Attempted To Injure Others:	Attempted to injure law enforcement personnel

At any time during the incident and/or entry into the law enforcement facility, did the decedent:

Appear intoxicated (alcohol or drugs):	No	Make suicidal statements?:	No
Exhibit any mental health problems?:	No	Exhibit any medical problems?:	No

At any time during the incident and/or entry into the law enforcement facility, did the decedent:

Barricade self or initiate standoff?:	No	Resist being handcuffed or arrested?:	No
Physically attempt/assault officer(s):	Yes	Gain possession of officer's weapon:	No
Verbally threaten other(s) including law:	No	Escape or attempt to escape/flee custody:	No
Attempt gain possession officer's weapon:	No		

Was the deceased under restraint in the time leading up to the death or the events causing the death?

Under Restraint:	No

Summary of Incident

Summary of How the Death Occurred: (max. 30,000 characters)

Summary:

On Tuesday December 20, 2016 at approximately 4:25 a.m. the Pharr Police Department received a call from a male subject residing at 211 East Emil reporting a domestic disturbance at his home involving another male subject who was his brother. Two Pharr Police Officers responded and on arrival met with the male subject who had summoned the police. Officers were speaking to the male subject and preparing to go speak with the subject causing the disturbance at which time the subject, Martin Gomez, ran out of the front door of the residence towards the police officers.

Mr. Martin Gomez was holding a knife on each of his hands as he ran towards the officers. the police officers drew their handguns and both discharged their weapons at Mr. Gomez. Mr. Gomez was struck by the bullets and fell to the ground. A ambulance was summoned and Mr. Gomez was transported to a local hospital in the City of McAllen where he was pronounced dead a short time later. Justice of the Peace Jerry Munoz conducted a inquest and ordered a autopsy.

The Texas Department of Public Safety Rangers Division were contacted and summoned to conduct a criminal investigation of this officer involved shooting. The investigation is being conducted and in progress.