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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	18-454-UF	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	2/4/2019 1:15 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Mathis Police Dept.	Agency Address:	214 N. Nueces St.
Agency City:	Mathis	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	78368		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Chief	Director First Name:	Pedro
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Saenz		
Reporter Name:	Pedro Saenz	Reporter Email:	psaenz@cityofmathis.com

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Martin

Middle Name:

Last Name: Sendejo

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 11/10/1968 Sex: Male

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 49

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 5/22/2018 4:00 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 5/22/2018 5:00 PM

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:

Shotgun wound to the trunk.

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?: Rifle/shotgun

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:	116 S. Seventh Street	City:	Mathis
County:	San Patricio	Zip:	78368

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

Location Category: Roadway/highway/street/sidewalk

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

Type of Custody: Pre-Custodial Use of Force

Specific type of custody/facility:

Specific Type of Custody/Facility:

Custody of Law Enforcement Personnel during/fleeing arrest

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:

Assault Public Servant

Offense 2:

Burglary of Habitation

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: Violent Crime Against Persons; Crime Against Property

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: Displayed other weapon, specify:

Specify Weapon Displayed:

Knife

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

Attempt to Injure Others?: Yes (select all that 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?:	Yes
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?:	Yes	Resist being handcuffed or arrested?:	Yes
Physically attempt/assault officer(s):	Yes	Gain possession of officer's weapon:	No
Verbally threaten other(s) including law:	Yes	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:	Yes, mark which restraint devices were used

Type of restraint

Type of Restraint:	Handcuffs

Summary of Incident

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

Summary:

On 5/22/2018 at approximately 4:00 pm Sergeant Flores requested assistance due to a man charging officers with a knife. Officer Colston and Sergeant Flores were continuously backing away from the male subject later identified as Martin Sandejo. I, Chief P. Saenz, responded to the Officer's call for help and parked my Police Unit in front of the residence located at 116 S.Seventh Street with the emergency lights flashing. I exited my vehicle armed with a police shotgun containing 5 rounds of less lethal ammunition. I gave several commands to Martin to drop the weapon but he refused to comply. I then fired 3 consecutive rounds (aiming for center mass) while giving commands between rounds and not receiving any cooperation from Martin. The third round penetrated Martin's abdomen which caused him to drop the knife as Officer Colston and Sergeant Flores approached him and attempted to save his life. Martin was transported from the scene by ambulance to the HALO landing zone where he was airlifted to the trauma hospital in Corpus Christi. I received word from the Texas Ranger a short time later that Martin had passed away at the hospital.