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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	19-970-C	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	3/26/2020 9:01 AM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	McAllen Police Dept.	Agency Address:	PO BOX 220
Agency City:	McAllen	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	78505		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Chief	Director First Name:	Victor
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Rodriguez		
Reporter Name:	Victor Rodriguez	Reporter Email:	vrodriguez@mcallenpd.net

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Eloy

Middle Name:

Last Name: Cruz

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 4/17/1994 Sex: Male

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 25

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 9/25/2019 4:07 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 9/25/2019 4:07 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: Suicide

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Gun shot to right side head.

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

Medical Treatment: No

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

Who caused the death?: Decedent

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?: Could not be determined

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: 2401 La Vista City: McAllen

County: Hidalgo Zip: 78501

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

Location Category: Parking lot/garage

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

Type of Custody: Police Custody (pre-booking)

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: Scene of incident

General Information

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

Other Agencies Respond?: No

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:

Online Solicitation of a Minor

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:

On Line Solicitation of a Minor

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: Discharged firearm

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

Attempt to Injure Others?: Unknown

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

Appear intoxicated (alcohol or drugs): Unknown

Make suicidal statements?: Unknown

Exhibit any mental health problems?: Unknown

Exhibit any medical problems?: Unknown

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:	Unknown	Escape or attempt to escape/flee custody:	Yes
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:

Date/Time: 09-25-2019/4:07 PM.
Location of CFS: 2401 La Vista, McAllen, Texas.

Background: McAllen PD Investigators and US DHS ICE Agents were conducting an investigation of Online Sexual Solicitation of a Minor. The suspect of this investigation was one (1) male subject. At approximately 4:07 PM, the suspect proceeded to the 2401 La Vista McAllen, Texas to meet a person he thought was an minor for sexual conduct purposes.

Incident Summary: At 4:07 PM, the suspect arrived at apartment complex at the 2401 La Vista, McAllen, Texas to meet a person he thought was an minor for sexual conduct purposes. Upon his arrival, the suspect parked and exited his vehicle and approached the apartment complex at that location. McAllen Police Officers arrived at location, ordered the suspect to stop and attempted his arrest. The suspect refused all orders and returned to his vehicle. At his vehicle, the suspect continued to resist arrest, shoved arresting officer away, attempted to open his vehicle and then then pulled a handgun from a holster, shot twice into the air and then once to the right side of his head. The suspect died at the scene from this self-inflicted gunshot.

The suspect has been identified as Eloy Cruz, 04-17-1994. The suspect’s last known address is Brownsville, Texas.