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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	20-285-UF	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	9/24/2020 2:21 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	El Paso County Sheriff's Dept.	Agency Address:	3850 Justice Road
Agency City:	El Paso	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	79938		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sergeant	Director First Name:	John
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Greer		
Reporter Name:	James Belknap	Reporter Email:	jbelknap@epcounty.com

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Mauricio

Middle Name:

Last Name: Hernandez

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 11/10/1988 Sex: Male

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 31

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 3/24/2020 7:36 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 3/24/2020 10:37 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:

Gun Shot wound Torso

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?: 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: 1800 Acension
City: El Paso
County: El Paso
Zip: 79938

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

Location Category: Other, specify

Other Location Category:

Desert Area

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:

N/A

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 Deadly weapon

Offense 2:

Assault Public Servant

Offense 3:

Unlawful carrying weapon

Were the Charges:: Filed

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

Type of Offense: Violent Crime Against Persons

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:

Yes (select all that

Attempt to Injure Others?:	apply)
Ways Decedent Attempted To Injure Others:	Killed law enforcement personnel; Injured law enforcement personnel; 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?:	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:	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:

At about 1625 hrs. Sheriff's Deputies attempted a traffic stop of a known, wanted felon (HERNANDEZ) with 6 outstanding arrest warrants. HERNANDEZ refused to stop after Sheriff's Officers, in a fully marked Sheriff's Office vehicle with their emergency lights activated attempted to stop him. HERNANDEZ evaded officers and drove into the desert area. At about 1649 hrs. Hernandez's vehicle is located in the desert area and appeared to be stuck in the soft sand. The Officers approached the vehicle and observed it to unoccupied. HERNANDEZ used a rifle and shot at officers on the scene. The Sheriff's Office SWAT Team and DPS Air Unit were summoned to the scene.

Sheriff's Office SWAT and Border Patrol Tactical Unit arrived and started an approach to HERNANDEZ's location. As Teams approached, HERNANDEZ shot at the helicopter hovering overhead and at perimeter units. EPCSO SWAT and Border Patrol Tactical Units returned fire. Hernandez ran approximately 50 yards and fell to the ground. Officers observed a gunshot wound to Hernandez abdomen and began first aid. Hernandez was transported to a local area hospital where he was treated for his injuries. At 2237hrs. Hernandez was pronounced dead.