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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	22-1742-UF	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	10/6/2023 2:24 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Hidalgo County Sheriff's Dept.	Agency Address:	PO BOX 1228
Agency City:	Edinburg	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	78540		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Jose
Director Middle Name:	E		
Director Last Name:	Guerra		
Reporter Name:	Tony Garza	Reporter Email:	tony.garza@hidalgoso.org

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Rigo

Middle Name:

Last Name: Mendez

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 6/20/1983 Sex: Male

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 39

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 12/23/2022 3:24 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 12/23/2022 5:17 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:

Gunshot wound 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?: 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?: 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:	7112 N Mile 3 1/2 West	City:	Weslaco
County:	Hidalgo	Zip:	78599

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: 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: 12/23/2022 3:24 PM

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:

2 Counts Attempted Capital Murder

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:	Crimes Against Child(ren)

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?:	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):	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):	No	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:	No

Summary of Incident

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

Summary:

On Friday, December 23, 2022 at about 3:24 PM, Hidalgo County Sheriff's Deputies responded to 7112 Mile 3 1/2 Road in Weslaco, Texas in reference to a Welfare Check. Deputies were advised by dispatched that a concern citizen had reported a person at location shooting while children where at location. When deputies arrived a male was inside the house with a weapon. Deputies then heard gunshots coming from the inside house. Deputies took cover and could see that shots were being fired towards their direction. Texas Department of Transportation (State Troopers) also responded to the scene. A negotiator was communicating with the suspect who stated that he had visual of law enforcement officers and was going to kill them. Suspect came out of the house through the garage with a rifle. At that time gunfire was exchanged and the suspect fell to the ground. Deputies provided immediate first aid and suspect was transported to Edinburg Hospital by airvac where he later succumbed to his injuries.