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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	23-615-UF	Version Type:	ORIGINAL VERSION
Report Date:	5/30/2023 5:08 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Mission Police Dept.	Agency Address:	1200 E. 8th Street
Agency City:	Mission	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	78572		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Chief	Director First Name:	Cesar
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Torres		
Reporter Name:	David Meza	Reporter Email:	dmeza0295@missiontexas.us

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Jose

Middle Name: Angel

Last Name: Cruz

Suffix: Jr.

Date of Birth: 7/28/1984 Sex: Male

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 38

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 5/25/2023 10:57 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 5/26/2023 1:30 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 pending

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

Manner of Death: Homicide (includes Justifiable Homicide)

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Autopsy results are still pending

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?:	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:	200 S. Stewart Rd.	City:	Mission
County:	Hidalgo	Zip:	78572

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 subsequent to 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:
Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon	
	Offense 2:
Aggravated Assault on a Peace Officer	
	Offense 3:
Aggravated Assault with a Motor Vehicle	
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

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)
	Attempted to injure law enforcement
Ways Decedent Attempted To	

Injure Others:	personnel; Injured civilian(s) or other inmate(s)

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?:	No	Resist being handcuffed or arrested?:	No
Physically attempt/assault officer(s):	No	Gain possession of officer's weapon:	No
Verbally threaten other(s) including law:	No	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:

On Thursday 05/25/2023 at approximately 10:53 PM, Mission Police Officers were dispatched to 1307 Dons Dr. The call was from a female who stated that she had just been shot on the leg by her husband who was identified as Jose Angel Cruz Jr. The suspect left location prior to the arrival of the officers.

While enroute, one of the officers observed the suspects vehicle traveling south bound on Stewart Rd and Business 83. The officer attempted to conduct a traffic stop on said vehicle, the suspect refused to stop and led the officer on a high speed pursuit south bound on Stewart Rd.

At approximately the 200 Blk of South Stewart Rd, the suspect vehicle crosses over to the northbound lane

and struck an oncoming vehicle causing major damage to both vehicles. The male suspect proceeded to exit his vehicle, approaches the officers as they are arriving, at which point the suspect made a furtive movement by raising his right arm with a firearm in his hand and pointed it at the officer. The officers proceeded to unholster their weapons, discharged their firearms at the suspect and neutralized the threat.