KEN PAXTON
ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	23-811-UF	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	1/4/2024 1:30 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	San Antonio Police Dept.	Agency Address:	315 S. Santa Rosa
Agency City:	San Antonio	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	78207		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Chief	Director First Name:	William
Director Middle Name:	P.		
Director Last Name:	McManus		
Reporter Name:	Russ Van Geffen	Reporter Email:	russ.vangeffen@sanantonio.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Melissa

Middle Name:

Last Name: Perez

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 1/21/1977 Sex: Female

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 46

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 6/23/2023 1:30 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 6/23/2023 2:32 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 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

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:	6200 Old Pearsall Rd	City:	San Antonio
County:	Bexar	Zip:	78248

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:

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:

Criminal Mischief $2500 - $30,000

Offense 2:

Assault Police Officer

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: 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:

Hammer, prayer candle

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:	Injured 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?:	Yes	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?:	N/A
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:

Officers were dispatched to the location for a criminal mischief disturbance. The decedent had allegedly entered a maintenance control room and cut the fire alarm wires, causing damage and prompting the fire department to respond. While the officers were speaking with the decedent, she walked away from them and entered her apartment. Officers communicated with the decedent in an effort to affect an arrest but she would not exit her home. At one point, the decedent threw a prayer candle at an officer and struck him in the forearm causing minor injury. Officers continued to speak with the decedent through her open patio window trying to get the decedent to surrender. The decedent had a hammer in her hand at several points during the conversation. Officers made an attempt to gain access to the decedent’s apartment to effect an arrest. At this time, the decedent charged toward the patio window with the hammer in her hand. The decedent’s

aggressive action prompted an officer to discharge his firearm at the deceased. The deceased did not appear to have been struck by the initial gunfire. Officers again attempted to gain access to the decedent's apartment when she charged toward the patio door with the hammer in her hand. At this time a total of three officers discharged their firearms at the decedent. The decedent was struck multiple times by gunfire. Officers began rendering medical treatment, however the decedent was pronounced deceased at the scene by SAFD EMS.