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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	23-931-UF	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	8/2/2023 11:18 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: Ronaldo

Middle Name:

Last Name: Alvarado

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 7/29/1998 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: 7/30/2023 3:28 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 7/30/2023 2:24 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:

Perforating gunshot wound of head.

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?: 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?: 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:	1700 Block N. 23rd Street	City:	McAllen
County:	Hidalgo	Zip:	78504

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

Location Category: Other, specify

Other Location Category:

Public street.

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?: 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

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: 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?: Unknown

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

Appear intoxicated (alcohol or

drugs):	Yes	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?:	N/A	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:	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:

Nature of Call For Service (CFS): Disturbance/In-Progress.
Date: July 30, 2023.
Time: 3:28 AM.
Location: 2900 Block North 24th Street, McAllen, Texas

CFS (generally): The Reporting Person (RP) reported “male [suspect] …is being extremely aggressive and has a gun …[the suspect] is leaving location in a maroon charger …was highly intoxicated”.

At approximately 3:38 AM Responding Officer[s] located the suspect and suspect vehicle traveling south at the 1700 Block of North 23rd Street, McAllen, Texas and initiated a traffic stop. The suspect came to a stop at that location and Responding Officer[s] stopped behind him. Once stopped, Responding Officer[s] reported “shot fired …suspect was shooting at [Responding Officers]”. The Responding Officer[s] saw what appeared gun fire flash from within the suspect vehicle and driver side door glass breakage from apparent gun fire. The suspect then began slow southbound movement from the traffic stop site. One Responding Officer returned fire and discharged his weapon twice at the suspect from the rear of his stopped Police Unit. The Responding Officer appeared to have struck the rear windshield frame of the suspect vehicle. The suspect/suspect vehicle then continued slow southbound travel onto a private parking lot and came a resting point after crashing onto a private fence approximately four (4) blocks south of the traffic stop site.

At the resting point, Responding Officer[s] located the suspect in the vehicle, the suspect was slumped over

with an apparent wound to his head. The Responding Officer[s] broke through the suspect vehicle glass to gain entry into the suspect vehicle to provide and summon emergency medical assistance for the suspect. The Responding Officer[s] located the suspect's weapon adjacent to the suspect. The suspect appeared to have suffered an entry and exit gunshot wound to the temple area of his forehead.

The suspect was transported to local hospital for emergency medical care. At this writing, the suspect remains under medical care.

The suspect has been tentatively identified at Ronaldo Alvarado, 25 years of age, with a last known address at Brownsville, Texas.

The responding Officer that discharged his duty weapon is Officer Jimmy Gonzalez. Officer Gonzalez is 2.5 year Officer at the McAllen Police Department.