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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	23-993-UF	Version Type:	ORIGINAL VERSION
Report Date:	8/8/2023 7:26 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Bexar County Sheriff's Office	Agency Address:	200 N. Comal
Agency City:	San Antonio	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	78207		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Javier
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Salazar		
Reporter Name:	John Mahon	Reporter Email:	jmahon@bexar.org

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Richard

Middle Name: Anthony

Last Name: Zuniga

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 11/22/1983 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: 7/9/2023 12:28 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 7/9/2023 12:52 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: Accidental

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Blunt force injuries

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?: Vehicle-involved death

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: Vehicle accident

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address:	Enrique M. Barrera Parkway & Callaghan Road	City:	San Antonio
County:	Bexar	Zip:	78227

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 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?: 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:

Evading Motor Vehicle

Offense 2:

Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle

Offense 3:

Traffic Violations

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: Other, specify

Type of Offense, Other:

Driving without lights and driving on the wrong side of the roadway

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: No

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):	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 07-09-2023, at about 0028 hours, deputies (two-man unit) of the Bexar County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) special operations gang unit were patrolling in the area of 6543 Old Hwy 90 West. The deputies observed the decedent, and sole occupant of a vehicle later determined to be stolen, exit a motel parking lot. Upon exiting the parking lot, the decedent began driving the vehicle he occupied without headlights and traveled eastbound in the westbound lane(s) of Old Hwy 90 West (the wrong way). Subsequently, the aforementioned deputies, who were in a marked patrol vehicle, activated their emergency lights and attempted to initiate a traffic stop of the vehicle the decedent was driving. While the aforementioned deputies continued to pursue the decedent in the vehicle he was driving, the decedent corrected the vehicle into the eastbound lanes of travel and continued to travel eastbound. The aforementioned deputies continued to pursue the decedent and the vehicle he occupied, but the decedent did not stop. When the decedent, and the vehicle he was driving, failed to stop for a red light and entered the intersection of Enrique M. Barrera Parkway and Callaghan Road, he was struck on the driver side of the vehicle he occupied. A vehicle that had a green light and was traveling southbound on Callaghan Road (right of way) struck the driver side of the vehicle the decedent was driving. The collision caused the vehicle the decedent was driving to strike a utility pole and caused it to flip multiple times. At some point, while the vehicle the decedent was driving was flipping, the decedent was ejected and the decedent sustained fatal injuries. The decedent was later pronounced deceased at the scene.