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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	24-1329-UF	Version Type:	ORIGINAL VERSION
Report Date:	9/10/2024 9:32 AM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Beaumont Police Dept.	Agency Address:	PO BOX 3827
Agency City:	Beaumont	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	77704		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Chief	Director First Name:	Timothy
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Ocnaschek		
Reporter Name:	James Sliger	Reporter Email:	james.sliger@beaumonttexas.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Meza

Middle Name:

Last Name: Victoria

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 11/14/1981 Sex: Female

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 42

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 8/30/2024 9:54 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 8/30/2024 10:41 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: Pending autopsy results

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Pending autopsy results

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:	701 Palm St	City:	Beaumont
County:	Jefferson	Zip:	77705

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:

Aggravated Assault on Peace Officer

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:	Other, specify

Type of Offense, Other:

Search warrant in relation to possession of controlled substance

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	Injured law

Injure Others:	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?:	No	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?:	No
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:

On 08/30/24 at approximately 0954 hrs, Narcotics Investigators and SWAT operators executed a high risk search warrant at 701 Palm. Upon arrival at the residence, they made contact with the subject of the warrant, Meza, who was seated on the front porch. Meza began to retreat toward the front door of her residence. Fearing she would enter and possibly retrieve a weapon, officers issued verbal commands for her to halt and not enter the residence. Meza failed to comply with these verbal commands and continued to enter the residence. Officers deployed less lethal munitions, in an attempt to halt her, but they were ineffective and she was able to enter the residence. A short time later, Meza reappeared on the front porch and fired several rounds at the officers. The rounds struck a police vehicle and a ballistic shield, held by an officer. An officer was struck by a deflected round. Officers were forced to return fire, in order to protect themselves. Meza was struck and succumbed to her injuries on scene.