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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	24-1379-UF	Version Type:	ORIGINAL VERSION
Report Date:	9/20/2024 11:34 AM	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:			
Director Last Name:	McManus		
Reporter Name:	Russ Van Geffen	Reporter Email:	russ.vangeffen@sanantonio.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Joseph

Middle Name:

Last Name: Garcia

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 6/25/2002 Sex: Male

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 22

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 9/14/2024 5:45 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 9/14/2024 5:57 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: Homicide (includes Justifiable

Homicide)

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Gunshot wounds

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:	718 Broadway	City:	San Antonio
County:	Bexar	Zip:	78215

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

Location Category: Parking lot/garage

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:

Unlawful Possession of Firearm by Felon (warrant)

Offense 2:

Continuous Violence Against The Family (warrant)

Offense 3:

Aggravated Promotion of Prostitution (warrant)

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: 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):	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?:	No	Resist being handcuffed or arrested?:	Yes
Physically attempt/assault officer(s):	Unknown	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:

On 9/14/2024, SAPD Detectives were searching for the decedent due to having several active warrants for his arrest regarding violent and weapons-related offenses. The decedent was located at 718 Broadway, inside a vehicle at an electric vehicle charging site. Several individuals were in the car, and the decedent was in the driver’s seat. Uniformed officers and plain clothes detectives approached the vehicle and issued verbal commands to the occupants. A passenger exited the car and, after a brief struggle, was secured in handcuffs. Officers continued to give commands to the decedent to exit the vehicle. The decedent refused commands and began reaching and sifting into a bag he had. A witness stated they heard the decedent state he was going to shoot the officers. As the decedent continued to ignore commands, he furtively moved with the bag, which created a reasonable fear that the decedent might produce a weapon. Fearing the decedent would produce a weapon and harm them, officers fired at the decedent. The decedent was struck multiple times by gunfire. Officers removed the decedent from the vehicle and administered emergency first aid until the arrival of EMS. EMS would ultimately pronounce the decedent at the scene.