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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	24-1622-UF	Version Type:	ORIGINAL VERSION
Report Date:	12/13/2024 2:58 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Weslaco Police Dept.	Agency Address:	300 S. Bridge Ave.
Agency City:	Weslaco	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	78596		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Chief	Director First Name:	Joel
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Rivera		
Reporter Name:	Jennifer Vilches	Reporter Email:	jennifer.vilches@weslacotx.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Juan

Middle Name: Diego

Last Name: Contreras

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 5/21/2002 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: 8/22/2024 11:28 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 8/23/2024 1:57 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: Homicide (includes Justifiable

Homicide)

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

gunshot

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:	715 North Republic	City:	WESLACO
County:	Hidalgo	Zip:	78596

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 subsequent to 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: Medical facility

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:

City ordinance Sec. 82-5. - Discharging firearms, air guns, etc

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:

discharging a firearm inside city limits

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 firearm without discharge; 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?:	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?:	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:	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:

A Weslaco Police Officer responded to 715 North Republic Weslaco, TX 78596 in reference to shots fired. Upon arrival, the Officer made contact with a male subject at his residence the male subject was later identified as Juan Diego Contreras who appeared to be intoxicated. Mr. Contreras admitted to the Officer that he discharged his weapon. As the Officer was making contact with Mr. Contreras, he began to walk away from the Officer. The Officer then called out to Mr. Contreras to come back toward him which he did. The Officer then told Mr. Contreras that he needed to calm down. Mr. Contreras then walked back toward his truck and grabbed a shotgun he then turned around and faced the Officer. The Officer feared for his safety and discharged his service weapon striking Mr. Contreras.