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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	25-17-C	Version Type:	ORIGINAL VERSION
Report Date:	1/10/2025 9:23 AM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Helotes Police Department	Agency Address:	PO Box 507 12951 Bandera Rd
Agency City:	Helotes	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	78023		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Chief	Director First Name:	Robert
Director Middle Name:	L		
Director Last Name:	Hunley		
Reporter Name:	Randy Dear	Reporter Email:	rdear@helotes-tx.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Nathan

Middle Name: Aaron

Last Name: Gutierrez

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 2/21/1999 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: 1/4/2025 2:33 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 1/4/2025 3:22 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: Other - specify

Manner of Death Description:

Vehicle crash

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

unknown-pending results

Had the decedent been receiving treatment for the medical condition that caused the death after admission to your jail's jurisdiction?

Medical Treatment: Yes

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?: Not Applicable

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: Other, specify

Means of Death Other: Vehicle crash

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address:	12800 Blk Galm Rd	City:	San Antonio
County:	Bexar	Zip:	78254

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: Police Custody (pre-booking)

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 Arrest-Vehicle

Offense 2:

Reckless Driving

Offense 3:

Speeding

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:

Traffic offenses

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

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

Attempt to Injure Others?:	No

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?:	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 January 4, 2025 on or about 0234 hrs, Officer Espinoza was monitoring traffic in the 11300 block of Shaenfield, Helotes, Bexar County, Texas. He saw a White Mercedes travelling Eastbound at a high rate of speed. Officer Espinoza activated his radar and checked the vehicle at 59 MPH in a posted 40 MPH zone. Officer Espinoza activated his emergency lights and siren, the driver, later identified as, Nathan Gutierrez, activated his hazard lights and slowed to a stop.

Officer Espinoza gave verbal commands for Gutierrez to turn off the vehicle. Gutierrez refused to comply with Officer Espinoza’s commands and began to slowly roll forward and eventually took off and evaded Officer

Espinoza.

Officer Espinoza got back in the vehicle, activating his lights and siren and got behind the White Mercedes with its hazard lights still on. The pursuit continued down Shaenfiled and crossed over FM 1560 which turned into Galm road. The Mercedes continued to increase its speed, patrol Sgt. Higgins came up on the radio and terminated Officer Espinoza's pursuit. Officer Espinoza shut down the light and sirens, lowered his speed and continued to follow the Mercedes. Officer Espinoza caught a redlight at which point Officer Espinoza lost sight of the Mercedes. Officer Espinoza continued on Galm and located the Mercedes that had wrecked out in the 12800 blk of Galm rd. Officer Espinoza saw that the Mercedes was on fire and called for EMS and notified dispatch of the fire. Officers pulled Gutierrez, who was unconscious, out of the vehicle and moved him to a safer location. EMS arrived at the scene and attempted life saving measures. Gutierrez was pronounced deceased at 0322 hrs.