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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	25-287-C	Version Type:	ORIGINAL VERSION
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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: Morris

Middle Name: Gary

Last Name: Shelton

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 6/7/1951 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 73

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 4/8/2025 11:17 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 4/8/2025 11:45 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: Suicide

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Gunshot Wound to Head

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?: 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:	8046 Wayword Trail	City:	San Antonio
County:	Bexar	Zip:	78244

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: 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?:	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 Deadly Weapon Against a Peace Officer

Offense 2:

Aggravated Assault Deadly Weapon Against a Peace Officer

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:

Welfare Check

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 Injure Others:	Attempted to injure law enforcement personnel

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?:	Yes
Exhibit any mental health problems?:	Yes	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):	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:	Yes, mark which restraint devices were used

Type of restraint

Type of Restraint:	Handcuffs

Summary of Incident

Summary of How the Death Occurred: (max. 30,000 characters)

Summary:

On April 8, 2025, at 1117 hours, two Bexar County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) deputies were dispatched to 8046 Wayword Trail for a welfare check. The caller advised dispatch that her husband, later identified as the decedent, had been involved in a hit-and-run. The caller requested a welfare check be done on the decedent

and the BCSO was dispatched. The caller also informed the dispatcher there are guns in the home and provided a description of the decedent's vehicle.

Upon arrival, one deputy stated she observed an older white male (later identified as the decedent) on the driveway of the residence. The decedent appeared to be sitting down on something on the driveway of the residence with the garage door open. The same deputy stated she also observed the vehicle described by the caller parked in the driveway near the decedent. As the deputy was exiting her patrol vehicle, she observed the decedent reaching for something, and then she observed the decedent standing up. The deputy stated she saw the decedent extend his arm, point a black handgun at her, and fire the handgun. The deputy, seeing the handgun pointed at her, immediately ducked and ran for cover towards the back of the patrol vehicle. While running to the rear of the patrol vehicle, the deputy stated she heard another gunshot. The deputy, and her partner (another deputy) took cover on the driver side of the patrol vehicle. The deputy immediately unholstered her duty weapon and began to give verbal commands to the decedent. The deputy attempted to see where the decedent was, but she could not see the decedent. The deputy asked her partner deputy if he had eyes on the decedent, to which he replied yes.

The deputy then grabbed the overhead speaker microphone and began to give verbal commands, calling to the decedent, and instructing the decedent to come out with his hands up and to put the gun down. After several attempts to speak with the decedent, the partner deputy advised the deputy that he had eyes on the decedent. The deputy attempted to see where the decedent was but still could not see him. The deputy then repositioned herself to the front area of the patrol vehicle, where she observed the decedent standing near his front door. The decedent still had a handgun in his possession. The deputy continued to give the decedent verbal commands to put the gun down, to which the decedent then stated, “I don’t have a choice”. The deputy told the decedent, “We do have a choice,” and the decedent then raised the handgun that he had in his right hand and pressed it to the right side of his head. The decedent then shot himself on the right side of the head.

The deputy observed the decedent collapse to the ground (sidewalk of the residence). The deputy immediately approached the decedent and observed a gunshot wound to the right side of the decedent's head and blood coming from the decedent's head. The deputy slightly moved the decedent and observed the handgun underneath the decedent's torso; the decedent was motionless. Additional responding deputies assisted in clearing the decedent's residence and no other persons were found inside the residence. Medical personnel were requested and arrived on scene; the decedent was pronounced dead at 1145 hours by Dr. B Everitt.