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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	25-545-UF	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	7/21/2025 2:12 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Ector County Sheriff's Ofc.	Agency Address:	2500 S. Highway 385
Agency City:	Odessa	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	79761		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Michael
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Griffis		
Reporter Name:	Diallo Bass	Reporter Email:	tony.bass@ectorcountysheriff.us

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Arturo

Middle Name:

Last Name: Nunez

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 5/23/1980 Sex: Male

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 45

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 7/6/2025 2:20 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 7/6/2025 2:44 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:

Multiple 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:	Not Applicable

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; Rifle/shotgun

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:	862 N. Avenue K	City:	Odessa
County:	Ector	Zip:	79763

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:

N/A

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:

Assault FV Class A

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: 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: Yes, mark all that apply

Decedent Display or Use Weapon Details: Displayed other weapon, specify:

Specify Weapon Displayed:

Pellet Gun

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: Attempted to injure law enforcement

Injure Others:	personnel

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?:	Yes
Exhibit any mental health problems?:	Unknown	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?:	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 July 6, 2025, deputies with the Ector County Sheriff’s Office were dispatched to 862 Avenue in Odessa, Texas, in reference to a family disturbance.

Upon arrival and during the course of the investigation, deputies determined that Arturo Nunez had committed the criminal offense of Assault – Family Violence. Deputies learned that Nunez had barricaded himself inside a vehicle parked in the driveway of the residence and was reportedly in possession of a pellet rifle, as described by the victim.

Deputies made multiple attempts to communicate with Nunez using the patrol vehicle’s public address system. Nunez was advised he was under arrest and ordered to exit the vehicle. Initially, all verbal commands were ignored.

After a period of noncompliance, Nunez exited the vehicle while still in possession of the weapon. Deputies issued multiple commands instructing him to drop the weapon. Nunez then raised the weapon in the direction of the deputies. In response to the perceived threat, deputies discharged their service weapons, striking Nunez. He was pronounced deceased at the scene.