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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	25-630-CJ	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	8/14/2025 3:17 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Uvalde County Sheriff's Dept.	Agency Address:	339 King Fisher Ln, BOX 1
Agency City:	Uvalde	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	78801		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Ruben
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Nolasco		
Reporter Name:	Ruben Nolasco	Reporter Email:	sheriff@uvaldecounty.com

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Ernesto

Middle Name: Alonzo

Last Name: Amaro

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 8/31/1980 Sex: Male

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 44

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 8/12/2025 10:23 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 8/13/2025 7:12 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: Accidental

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Methamphetamine Toxicity
Contributory condition: Hepatitis C

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

Medical Treatment:	Unknown

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?:	Pre-existing medical condition

If death was an accident, homicide or suicide, what was the means of death?

Means of Death:	Not applicable, cause of death was illness/natural cause

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address:	1025 Garnerfield Rd.	City:	Uvalde
County:	Uvalde	Zip:	78801

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

Location Category: Other, specify

Other Location Category:

Hospital

What type of custody/facility was the Decedent in at the time of death:

Type of Custody: County Jail

Specific type of custody/facility:

Specific Type of Custody/Facility:

Jail - holding cell

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: 8/12/2025 10:53 PM

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?: 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:

Poss of a controlled substance PG1B-4-200G

Offense 2:

Unlawful possession of a firearm

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: Alcohol / drug offense

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?: 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:	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 August 12, 2025, Ernesto Alonzo Amaro was arrested by the Uvalde Police Department on Possession of Control Substance and Unlawful Possession of a Firearm. Ernesto Alonzo Amaro was transported by Uvalde Police Department to the Uvalde County Sheriff's Office Jail. Ernesto Alonzo Amaro was received in the Uvalde County Jail sally-port where he was searched by jail staff. During the pat-down search, narcotics were found in his possession. Amaro was escorted to the jail change-out cell where he was striped searched and found to have additional narcotics. Ernesto Alonzo Amaro was processed, booked and placed in a holding cell. During the night and into the morning, Ernesto Alonzo Amaro was observed moving around and eating breakfast in the holding cell.

On August 13, 2025, at approximately 8:43 am, Booking Officer opened the holding cell door to escort Ernesto Alonzo Amaro for magistration. Amaro attempted to stand up but laid back down instead. Medical staff was summoned and upon arrival immediately began medical procedures to include AED placement and administering Narcan nasal spray. Emergency Medical Services (EMS) were requested to respond to the Uvalde County Jail. Ernesto Alonzo Amaro was transported by EMS to Uvalde Memorial Hospital where he was admitted.

On August 13, 2025, at approximately 7:12 pm, Ernesto Alonzo Amaro was declared deceased by Uvalde Memorial Hospital medical staff.

Notifications were made to Uvalde County Sheriff's Office, Uvalde County Justice of the Peace, Uvalde Police Department Investigations, Texas Ranger, and next of kin. An autopsy has been ordered.