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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	25-687-UF	Version Type:	ORIGINAL VERSION
Report Date:	9/2/2025 3:16 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	San Antonio Police Dept.	Agency Address:	315 S. Santa Rosa
Agency City:	San Antonio	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	78207		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Chief	Director First Name:	William
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	McManus		
Reporter Name:	Russ Van Geffen	Reporter Email:	russ.vangeffen@sanantonio.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Justin

Middle Name: Andrew

Last Name: Hernandez

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 2/10/1991 Sex: Male

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 34

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 8/24/2025 12:15 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 8/24/2025 12:39 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: Homicide (includes Justifiable

Homicide)

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

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: 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: 4039 E Houston
City: San Antonio
County: Bexar
Zip: 78220

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

Location Category: Other, specify

Other Location Category:

Hotel/Motel

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 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 - Peace Officer

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: Used other weapon, specify:

Specify Weapon Used:

Used a broken glass bottle to cut himself as well as threaten officers

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?:	Yes

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 August 24, 2025, at approximately 0015 hours, San Antonio Police Department (SAPD) officers were dispatched to the Knight's Inn located at 4039 E. Houston Street in response to a reported cutting in progress. Upon arrival, officers located two individuals inside Room 133. One of them—the decedent—was holding a broken glass bottle and appeared to have already inflicted injuries to his own arm. Officers quickly and safely removed the second individual from the room. Despite repeated verbal commands to drop the broken bottle, the decedent refused to comply. Officers informed him that Emergency Medical Services (EMS) were staged nearby and that they were there to assist. The decedent responded by stating he wanted the officers to shoot him. Officers continued attempting to de-escalate the situation through verbal negotiation. The decedent was observed breathing heavily and clenching his fists before suddenly charging toward the officers. Fearing for their safety, officers discharged their firearms, striking the decedent multiple times. He collapsed within the motel room. Officers immediately rendered emergency medical aid until EMS arrived. Despite their efforts, the decedent succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced deceased at the scene by EMS personnel.