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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	25-71-CJ	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	1/25/2025 9:53 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	El Paso County Sheriff's Office	Agency Address:	3850 Justice Road
Agency City:	El Paso	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	79938		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Oscar
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Ugarte		
Reporter Name:	Samuel Magallanes	Reporter Email:	smagallanes@epcounty.com

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Miguel

Middle Name: Angel

Last Name: Montoya

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 3/18/1994 Sex: Male

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 30

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 1/23/2025 4:16 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 1/25/2025 7:45 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:

Cause of Death: Multiple Sharp Force Injuries/ Manner of Death: Suicide

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?:	Knife/edged instrument

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:	Knife / edged instrument

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address:	601 E. Overland	City:	El Paso
County:	El Paso	Zip:	79901

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

Location Category:	Law Enforcement Facility

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 - single 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:	1/23/2025 4:16 AM

Where did the death occur?

Death Location:	Law enforcement facility/booking center

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:

1 count of Sexual Assault

Offense 2:

7 counts of Aggravated Sexual Assault/ Child

Offense 3:

3 counts of Indecency with Child Sexual Contact, Abandon Endanger Child, Sex Abuse of Child Continuous Victim under 14

Were the Charges:: Filed

What were the types of charges or reason for contact? (Hold CTRL to select all that apply)

Type of Offense: Crimes Against Child(ren)

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?:	Yes
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:

Decedent had been in custody since January 23,2025, and was booked for 1 count of Sexual Assault, 7 counts of Aggravated Sexual Assault/ Child, 3 counts of Indecency with Child Sexual Contact, Abandon Endanger Child, Sex Abuse of Child Continuous Victim under 14. Decedent was assigned to 5th floor in Cellblock 560-Admin SE cell 1R.

On January 25, 2025, at approximately 0217 hours, Detention Officers were conducting an Administrative Separation Check, with face-to-face contact, in Cellblock 60. Upon checking Cell 1R, the decedent was found lying on the bed, bleeding from both arms. The Decedent was conscious and alert. Detention Officers and medical personnel rendered aid and located lacerations to both arms. While attempting to administer medical aid, the Decedent became combative attempting to refuse medical attention.

The Decedent eventually lost consciousness while medical aid was being rendered. Detention officers and jail medical staff immediately began administering CPR and used the AED to revive the decedent. El Paso Fire and EMS were notified and arrived at the El Paso County Detention Facility shortly thereafter. The decedent was transported to University Medical Center, located at 4815 Alameda Ave., where medical personnel continued to provide life-saving measures.

The decedent was subsequently admitted to Intensive Care Unit Room 10, where efforts to stabilize and revive him continued. Despite these efforts, the decedent experienced multiple episodes of cardiac arrest.

At 0745 hours, Dr. Tyroch pronounced the decedent deceased. The Medical Examiner was notified at 0804 hours.