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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	25-716-UF	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	9/11/2025 12:55 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Dallas Police Dept.	Agency Address:	1400 S. Botham Jean Blvd
Agency City:	Dallas	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	75215		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Chief	Director First Name:	Daniel
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Comeaux		
Reporter Name:	Jeff Hunter	Reporter Email:	jeff.hunter@dallaspolice.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: MARTIN

Middle Name:

Last Name: BENES

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 6/3/1979 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 46

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 8/26/2025 7:40 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 8/27/2025 1:31 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:

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GUNSHOT WOUND

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; Other Weapon, specify:

Other weapon, specify:

TASER

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:	13816 Far Hills	City:	Dallas
County:	Dallas	Zip:	75240

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?: 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 with a Deadly Weapon

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; Medical / Mental Health assistance call

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:

Knife

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):	Yes	Make suicidal statements?:	Unknown
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?:	Yes
Physically attempt/assault officer(s):	Yes	Gain possession of officer's weapon:	No
Verbally threaten other(s) including law:	Unknown	Escape or attempt to escape/flee custody:	Yes
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:	Other device, specify
Other device, specify:	taser

Summary of Incident

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

Summary:

Officers responded to a call regarding the decedent drinking alcohol and threatening others with a knife. When officers arrived, he aggressively walked outside towards them with a knife before returning into his home and barricading himself. He then cut off an ankle monitor that he was wearing in regards to a previous aggravated assault offense, which caused a warrant to be issued for his arrest. Officers attempted to make contact with him for several hours to exit the home. He stopped communicating and officers made entry to the home. Two officers attempted use a taser to subdue the decedent, but they were ineffective. He then charged officers while swinging a knife and two officers fired their handguns causing his death.