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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	25-813-CJ	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	10/8/2025 11:11 AM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Atascosa County Sheriff's Office	Agency Address:	1108 Campbell Ave.
Agency City:	Jourdanton	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	78026		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Jake
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Guerra		
Reporter Name:	Matthew Miller	Reporter Email:	matt.miller@acso-tx.org

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Juan

Middle Name: Israel

Last Name: Soto

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 8/2/1999 Sex: Male

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 26

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 9/10/2025 7:28 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 9/10/2025 8:01 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: Natural

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Hypertensive cardiovascular disease associated with coarctation of the aorta.

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?:	Not applicable

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:	1108 Campbell	City:	Jourdanton
County:	Atascosa	Zip:	78026

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 - multiple occupancy 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:	4/29/2025 2:15 PM

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:

Evading Arrest/Detention with Vehicle

Offense 2:

Offense 3:

Were the Charges:: Convicted

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

Type of Offense: Other, specify

Type of Offense, Other:

Evading Arrest

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 September 10, 2025, at approximately 7:28 AM, inmates in Day 5 housing started banging on the window to get the attention of Corrections Officers. When they entered the cell, it appeared that Soto was having a seizure. Corrections officers began medical procedures and notified the Jail Nurse. The Jail Nurse entered the cell, provided instructions to the corrections officers, and Soto was removed from his bed, placed in a wheelchair, and moved to the booking area for treatment. CPR was performed during this time. EMS arrived at 7:37 a.m. and assumed medical care. After speaking with the facility's medical director, Dr. Michael Kurz, by phone, the time of death was recorded as 8:01 AM. Texas Ranger Terry Snider and Justice of the Peace Precinct #2 Vaughn were notified, and both responded. Soto had been in custody at the Atascosa County Jail since April 29, 2025. Corrections officers and the jail nurse reported that Soto had no known medical conditions and was not taking any medications. JP2 Vaughn conducted an inquiry, which determined Soto would be transported to the Fort Bend County Medical Examiner's Office for a full autopsy. Juan Soto's remains were collected and transported to the Fort Bend County ME office at 10:11 AM. Cause of Death is pending a Medical Examiner's investigation.

Updated 12/10/2025

On 12/10/2025, the Atascosa County Sheriff's Office received the Medical Examiner's report from the Fort Bend County Medical Examiner, noting the cause of death to be hypertensive cardiovascular disease associated with coarctation of the aorta.