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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	25-888-CJ	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	11/4/2025 4:04 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Maverick County Sheriff's Dept.	Agency Address:	1051 Balboa Jones Memorial Blvd.
Agency City:	Eagle Pass	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	78852		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Tom
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Schmerber		
Reporter Name:	Roberto De Leon	Reporter Email:	robert.deleon@co.maverick.tx.us

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Marlin

Middle Name:

Last Name: Martinez

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 10/25/1978 Sex: Male

Race: Hispanic or Latino

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: 10/22/2025 10:30 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 10/22/2025 10:50 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:

Differential diagnosis : arteriosclerotic cardiovascular Disease.

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?:	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:	1051 Balboa Jones Memorial	City:	Eagle Pass
County:	Maverick	Zip:	78852

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:	10/15/2025 9:16 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:

indecency with a child

Offense 2:

Offense 3:

Were the Charges:: Filed

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: Unknown

At any time during the incident and/or entry into the law enforcement facility, did the decedent:

Attempt to Injure Others?: Unknown

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

Resist being handcuffed or

standoff?:	No	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 09/22/2025, around 7:30 am, inmate Merlin Martinez was seen receiving breakfast and later handing the tray back out the food port to officers. Sgt Ortiz stated he moved the inmate's phone from separation 10 to separation 8 around 10:20 am, where he saw inmate Martinez sitting on his bunk. Around 10:30 am, Bexar County arrived at Tom Bowles detention center to extradite inmate Merlin Martinez, who was being held on their warrant. Cpl. Nixon then made his way to separation 9, where inmate Martinez was being housed. Cpl. Nixon then opened the cell door and stated that the inmate was seen lying on the bunk. The inmate was asked verbally to get up for release, but the inmate did not respond. Cpl. Nixon then checked on the inmate who was not responsive and called for assistance via radio to where Sgt. Adrian Ortiz responded. EMS was contacted, and medical personnel arrived to check the inmate. EMS arrived, and Inmate Martinez was transported to the Fort Duncan Regional Medical Hospital, where Inmate Martinez was later pronounced dead by medical staff.