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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	25-924-UF	Version Type:	ORIGINAL VERSION
Report Date:	11/17/2025 2:44 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Medina County Sheriff's Office	Agency Address:	801 Avenue Y
Agency City:	Hondo	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	78861		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Randy
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Brown		
Reporter Name:	Cara Thomas	Reporter Email:	cara.thomas@medinatx.org

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Michael

Middle Name: Anthony

Last Name: Duarte

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 9/19/1986 Sex: Male

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 39

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 11/8/2025 11:28 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 11/8/2025 12:39 PM

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)

Homicide (includes

Manner of Death:	Justifiable Homicide)

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:
Gunshots 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:	1531 Old Highway 90	City:	Castroville
County:	Medina	Zip:	78009

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

Location Category: Roadway/highway/street/sidewalk

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?:	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:

Assault on a Public Servant- 4 counts

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:	Unknown

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	Attempted to injure law enforcement

Injure Others:	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?:	Unknown	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?:	No	Resist being handcuffed or arrested?:	N/A
Physically attempt/assault officer(s):	Yes	Gain possession of officer's weapon:	No
Verbally threaten other(s) including law:	Yes	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 11-8-2025, Officer-involved shooting that occurred in Castroville, Medina County, Texas. At approximately 11:30 am, Luke Matthews (W/M, DOB: 03-30-2008) called 911 because his friend, Michael Duarte (H/M, DOB: 09-19-1986), had cut his own wrist. Medina County ESD 1 and Medina County Sheriff's Deputy Kellie Mitchell responded to 1531 Old Hwy 90, Castroville, Texas, to assist. Medina County ESD 1 arrived first and located Duarte in the street. First Responders attempted to provide first aid to a bleeding Duarte, but Duarte threatened that he had a gun and that he would kill them. Deputy Mitchell arrived on the scene and witnessed Duarte yell that he had a gun and would kill them. Deputy Mitchell drew her service weapon and ordered Duarte to show her his hands. Duarte charged Deputy Mitchell, so she shot him in the chest. After being shot once in the chest, Duarte got to his feet and again charged Deputy Mitchell, causing her to discharge her weapon a second time, striking Duarte in the head, killing him.