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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	26-289-CJ	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	4/9/2026 10:52 AM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Victoria County Sheriff's Office	Agency Address:	101 N. Glass
Agency City:	Victoria	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	77901		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Justin
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Marr		
Reporter Name:	Joseph Randolph	Reporter Email:	jrandolph@vctx.org

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Joe

Middle Name: Anthony

Last Name: Sanchez

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 1/11/1959 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 67

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 11/8/2025 4:49 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 4/7/2026 8:53 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:

Natural causes due to cardiac arrest, anoxic brain injury (brain depleted of oxygen), complicating hyper-intensive cardiovascular disease and diabetic nellitus. No brain hemorrhage noted in notes.

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?: Could not be determined

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:	101 North Glass Street	City:	Victoria
County:	Victoria	Zip:	77901

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:
Hospital/Infirmary

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:	11/8/2025 4:49 AM

Where did the death occur?

Death Location:	Medical facility

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:

Assault Public Servant

Offense 2:

Assault Public Servant

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: 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: No

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?: 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?: No

Resist being handcuffed or arrested?: No

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:	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 03/28/2026 at approximately 0930 hrs. Inmate Joe Anthony Sanchez was getting out of the shower in the dayroom of the 1050's cellblock when he slipped and fell. Inmate Sanchez received a couple of small lacerations on the top of his head. The lacerations were given first aide and Inmate Sanchez was moved to a cell in the Infirmary for observation. Inmate Sanchez was alone in the dayroom at the time of this incident. The fall was witnessed and reported by an inmate in an adjacent cell who notified staff.

At approximately 1240 Hrs. while in a Medical cell, Inmate Sanchez was finishing eating his lunch tray when Officer D. Ramos who was staffing the Back Control Room observed Inmate Sanchez to be having some type of medical
issue on camera. Officer Ramos called for Officers in the area to respond.
Inmate Sanchez appeared to seize and fell off the bunk.
When Deputy J. Dodds responded, he observed Inmate Sanchez on the floor. He alerted additional staff, who responded and they began performing life saving measures including utilizing an AED machine and calling EMS.

EMS arrived, continued life saving measures, and transported Inmate Sanchez to Citizens Medical Center ER. Inmate Sanchez was placed on life support, tests were ran and he was determined to have no brain activity. On 03/29/2026, the doctors at Citizens Hospital informed the Officers that Inmate Sanchez would be transferred to San Antonio. At this time, the family of Inmate Sanchez was notified and Inmate Sanchez was released from Victoria County custody on a PR bonds. Inmate Sanchez was later transferred to South Texas Methodist Hospital in San Antonio, Texas.

Texas Ranger Brandon Tinsley was notified who then began an investigation. On Thursday 04/05/2026, the family of Inmate
Sanchez made the decision to remove life support from Inmate Sanchez. On 04/07/2026 at 0853 Hrs. Inmate Sanchez was pronounced deceased.· An autopsy has been ordered with the Bexar County Medical Examiner.