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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	26-513-C	Version Type:	ORIGINAL VERSION
Report Date:	7/6/2026 4:04 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Big Spring Police Dept.	Agency Address:	310 Nolan Street
Agency City:	Big Spring	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	79720		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Chief	Director First Name:	Chad
Director Middle Name:	P		
Director Last Name:	Williams		
Reporter Name:	Chad Williams	Reporter Email:	cwilliams@bigspringpd.net

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Domonick

Middle Name: Ray

Last Name: Hernandez

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 8/9/1991 Sex: Male

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 34

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 3/22/2026 3:17 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 3/22/2026 4:20 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: Alcohol/Drug Intoxication

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Acute intoxication with cocaine.

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?: Decedent

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?: 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: Drug overdose

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address:	1308 Colby Ave	City:	Big Spring
County:	Howard	Zip:	79720

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: Police Custody (pre-booking)

Specific type of custody/facility:

Specific Type of Custody/Facility:

Custody of Law Enforcement Personnel subsequent to arrest

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: Medical facility

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:

Aggravated Assault with a deadly weapon.

Offense 2:

Resisting Arrest/Search or Transport

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: Yes, mark all that apply

Decedent Display or Use Weapon Details: Displayed other weapon, specify:

Specify Weapon Displayed:

Two large knives.

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

Injure Others:	civilian(s) or other inmate(s)

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?:	No
Exhibit any mental health problems?:	Yes	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?:	Yes
Physically attempt/assault officer(s):	No	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:	Yes, mark which restraint devices were used

Type of restraint

Type of Restraint:	Handcuffs

Summary of Incident

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

Summary:

Officers responded to a residence after receiving a report of two individuals fighting. Upon arrival, they were allowed inside by a resident and found Domonick Hernandez being restrained by family members following an alleged assault inside the home. The residence showed signs of a struggle, including damaged furniture and broken glass.

Officers observed Hernandez exhibiting erratic behavior, including disorganized speech, apparent hallucinations, and signs consistent with a possible mental health or substance-related crisis. Due to concerns for his condition, emergency medical services and the fire department were requested to respond.

While officers attempted to speak with Hernandez, he continued to behave erratically and attempted to get up despite repeated verbal commands to remain on the floor. Family members advised officers that Hernandez had allegedly assaulted family members and had used or displayed a knife during the incident. For the safety of everyone present, officers placed Hernandez in handcuffs after he actively resisted being detained. During the detention, officers repositioned him onto his side after he stated he was having difficulty breathing.

While officers began securing the scene and speaking with witnesses, one officer located a knife believed to have been used during the incident. At that time, officers discovered Hernandez was unresponsive and not breathing. They immediately requested emergency medical personnel to expedite their response, removed the handcuffs, and began assessing his condition.

Emergency medical personnel and firefighters arrived shortly afterward and initiated lifesaving measures, including CPR.

Domonick Hernandez was transported by EMS to the hospital where he was pronounced deceased after life saving procedures were unsuccessful.