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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	26-58-C	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	1/23/2026 1:02 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Corpus Christi Police Dept.	Agency Address:	PO Box 9277
Agency City:	Corpus Christi	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	78469		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Chief	Director First Name:	Mike
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Markle		
Reporter Name:	Weldon Weber	Reporter Email:	weldonw@corpuschristitx.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Rene

Middle Name:

Last Name: Gonzales

Suffix: Sr.

Date of Birth: 9/8/1975 Sex: Male

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 50

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 1/3/2026 12:55 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 1/3/2026 3:28 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: Accidental

Medical Cause of Death:

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"...died as the result of toxic effects of ethanol and alprazolam. Contributory to death is cardiomegaly."

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?: Pre-existing medical condition

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: 5818 South Staples Street

City: Corpus Christi

County: Nueces Zip: 78414

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

Location Category: Business

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:

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:

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?: 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:

Possession of Controlled Substance PG 3 < 28G

Offense 2:

Public Intoxication

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: Alcohol / drug offense

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):	Yes	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:	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:

On 01/03/2026 at approximately 0055hrs, several uniformed officers from the Corpus Christi Police Department were working off duty at the Sunset Rodeo Bar, 5818 South Staples Street, when they observed the decedent who showed signs of being under the influence of a narcotic substance. The decedent refused offers for a ride home and instead walked through the parking lot stating that he was going to drive home. The decedent was arrested for public intoxication and incident to arrest found to be in possession of some controlled substance. The decedent was transported by an on-duty officer to a nearby Transport pick up point, where medics were summoned. The decedent was evaluated and then transported to the City Detention Center via the transport van. Upon arrival at the City Detention Center, the decedent was found unconscious in the rear passenger compartment of the van, and he appeared to be experiencing a medical episode. Officers began first aid to include CPR and an AED. Emergency Medical Personnel were again summoned, and the decedent was transported by ambulance to a local medical facility, where he passed away a short time thereafter.