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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	26-680-C	Version Type:	ORIGINAL VERSION
Report Date:	8/27/2026 5:00 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Matagorda County Sheriff's Dept.	Agency Address:	2308 Ave. F
Agency City:	Bay City	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	77414		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Rick
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	DeLeon		
Reporter Name:	Christian Hadash	Reporter Email:	chadash@matagordatx.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: John

Middle Name: Henry

Last Name: Anderson

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 9/13/1964 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 61

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 8/16/2026 1:09 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 8/26/2026 3:27 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 pending

What was the manner of death? (select only one)

Manner of Death: Pending autopsy results

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

POSSIBLY MEDICAL

Had the decedent been receiving treatment for the medical condition that caused the death after admission to your jail's jurisdiction?

Medical Treatment:	Not Applicable

If death was an accident, homicide or suicide, who caused the death?

Who caused the death?:	Unknown whether decedent sustained a fatal injury

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?:	Unknown

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:	Unknown

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address:	FM 457	City:	Sargent
County:	Matagorda	Zip:	77404

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

Location Category: Other, specify

Other Location Category:

The decedent was picked up by deputies at above address. He was detained for public intoxication pending medical clearance. During clearance he admitted and release from detainment. He was transferred to a Houston hospital and died 10 days later.

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:

Public Intoxication

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: 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?: Unknown

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?:	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?:	Yes
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:	Yes
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 08/16/2026, Deputies were dispatched to a welfare check regarding an individual lying in the roadway. Upon arrival, deputies observed the subject sitting outside of a bar in the area of the original call bleeding from a head wound. The head wound was bleeding, but did not appear to be life threatening and the subject was talking and walking around. The subject would not state how the injury occurred and no one on scene was able to provide additional information on how the subject was injured or where he came from. They advised he had been seen walking around the area around an hour prior to the call but that he had not been at the bar.

During the contact, the subject was passively uncooperative and walked away from deputies and appeared

intoxicated. Due to his apparent injury and condition, EMS was requested. The subject was detained for public intoxication while waiting on EMS. EMS evaluated the subject and transported him to the hospital for further medical evaluation.

Several hours later the deputy was told the subject would be admitted to the hospital. Deputies reported they were told the subject had serious pre-existing medical conditions. The subject had been given a sedative at the ER and was later intubated. The deputy released the subject from detainment at that time and left him in the care of the hospital staff. The subject remained in the hospital for four days before being transported to a hospital in Houston. Ten days later, on 08/26/2026 he died. The cause of death is unknown at this time. The Fort Bend County Medical Examiner's Office notified us of the death and indicated the hospital showed him to still be considered in custody of the Matagorda County Sheriff's Office. The death remains under continued investigation.