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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	26-702-C	Version Type:	ORIGINAL VERSION
Report Date:	9/3/2026 5:42 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	San Antonio Police Dept.	Agency Address:	315 S. Santa Rosa
Agency City:	San Antonio	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	78207		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Chief	Director First Name:	Jesse
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Salame		
Reporter Name:	Rachel Barnes	Reporter Email:	rachel.barnes@sanantonio.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Mark

Middle Name:

Last Name: Cardwell

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 6/26/1975 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 51

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 8/26/2026 12:11 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 8/26/2026 4:45 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:

Pending Autopsy

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?: 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: Unknown

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address:	Ridge Breeze & Ridge Place	City:	San Antonio
County:	Bexar	Zip:	78250

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: 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?: 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:

Out of County Felony Warrant

Offense 2:

TX PC 49.04 Driving While Intoxicated

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; Other, specify

Type of Offense, Other:

Felony Arrest Warrant

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 8/26/2026 around 0011hrs, Officers responded to Ridge Breeze and Ridge Place for a report of a DWI. Officers located the reported car and driver, the decedent, in the driver seat. The Officers observed the decedent with slurred speech and alcoholic beverages in the vehicle. The decedent complained of dizziness. EMS was requested to respond to the scene. EMS checked the decedent's vital signs, confirmed them to be normal, and left the scene. The decedent was placed in handcuffs without incident and sat in the back of a patrol vehicle. The decedent complained of difficultly breathing. EMS was requested back to the scene. Officers removed the decedent from the patrol vehicle, removed the handcuffs, and placed the decedent in a recovery position while waiting for EMS. EMS arrived and transported the decedent to the hospital where he was pronounced deceased on 08/26/2026 at1645hrs after life support was removed.