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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	21-1369-C	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	4/22/2022 9:38 AM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Guadalupe County Sheriff's Office	Agency Address:	2617 N. Guadalupe
Agency City:	Seguin	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	78155		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Arnold
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Zwicke		
Reporter Name:	Tarinna Skrzycki	Reporter Email:	tarinna.skrzycki@co.guadalupe.tx.us

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Jerry

Middle Name: Duane

Last Name: Sparkman

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 11/17/1933 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 87

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 9/5/2021 12:35 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 9/6/2021 6:25 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 are available

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

Manner of Death: Natural

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Metastatic Bladder Carcinoma.
contributing conditions: Atherosclerotic, Hypertensive, Valvular Cardiovascular disease, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary disease.

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

Medical Treatment: Yes

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?: Pre-existing medical condition

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:	1215 East Court	City:	Seguin
County:	Guadalupe	Zip:	78155

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

Location Category: Other, specify

Other Location Category:

Hospital

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: 9/5/2021 3:35 PM

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:
Murder	
	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:	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:	Discharged firearm

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 Injure Others:	Killed 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):	No	Make suicidal statements?:	Yes
Exhibit any mental health problems?:	No	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?:	Yes	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:	No

Summary of Incident

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

Summary:

On 09-05-2021, SWAT was activated for a male subject that had reportedly just shot his wife and was trying to shoot himself. SWAT arrived at 243 Admiral Benbow Lane and began to secure the residence. Upon the SWAT teams initial contact with the Defendant, he made the following res gestae statement, “I killed my wife, then I tried to kill myself but my gun jammed”. Due to the Defendant’s advanced age and severe health conditions, he was taken into custody and transported to Guadalupe Regional Medical Center.