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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	22-650-C	Version Type:	ORIGINAL VERSION
Report Date:	5/23/2022 4:19 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Dimmit County Sheriff's Dept.	Agency Address:	PO BOX 885
Agency City:	Carrizo Springs	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	78834		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	MARION
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	BOYD		
Reporter Name:	Chris Castanada	Reporter Email:	crodriguez@dimmitcounty.org

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: angel

Middle Name: marie

Last Name: saldana

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 11/20/2000 Sex: Female

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 21

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 4/26/2022 3:40 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 4/26/2022 5:45 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: Suicide

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

gun shot wound to the chest with a 9mm handgun

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?: Handgun

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: Firearm

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address:	tx hwy 85 east	City:	big wells
County:	Dimmit	Zip:	78834

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: Scene of incident

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:

human smuggling

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: Other, specify

Type of Offense, Other:

human smuggling

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): No

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 4/26/2022 at 3:40 p.m. Angel Marie Saldana was stopped for a traffic violation, further investigation revealed she was transporting 5 undocumented Aliens with one being in the trunk of the vehicle. Saldana was arrested for Human Smuggling and handcuffed with her hands behind her back. When asked if she had any weapons by the Deputy, Saldana stated she had a handgun in the center console of the console of the vehicle. the arresting agency Deputy recovered a loaded 9mm handgun, made it safe by clearing the weapon and ejecting the magazine out, he then placed the weapon in the front passenger seat of his marked patrol vehicle. saldana was then placed in the back seat of the Deputies marked patrol vehicle and the seat belt was engaged.

Saldana was able to free her hands from the handcuffs and gained access to the handgun located in the front passenger seat. Saldana then loaded the weapon and shot herself in the chest and away from injury. The deputy's vehicle didnt have a cage between the front of the backseat therefor allowing saldana access to retrieve the weapon.

This incident is currently under investigation by the Texas Rangers.