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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	24-161-UF	Version Type:	ORIGINAL VERSION
Report Date:	2/9/2024 1:49 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	San Marcos Police Dept.	Agency Address:	2300 S. IH-35
Agency City:	San Marcos	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	78666		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Chief	Director First Name:	Stan
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Standridge		
Reporter Name:	Bob Klett	Reporter Email:	bklett@sanmarcostx.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Junior

Middle Name:

Last Name: Padilla-Martinez

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 5/9/2008 Sex: Male

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 15

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 1/30/2024 3:27 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 1/30/2024 5:23 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 pending

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

Manner of Death: Accidental

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Trauma from fall over 60 feet.

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?:	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:	Other, specify
Means of Death Other:	Fall while evading police.

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address: 5900 FM 482
City: New Braunfels
County: Comal
Zip: 78132

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

Location Category: Other, specify

Other Location Category:

Quarry

What type of custody/facility was the Decedent in at the time of death:

Type of Custody: Pre-Custodial Use of Force

Specific type of custody/facility:

Specific Type of Custody/Facility:

Custody of Law Enforcement Personnel during/fleeing 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:

Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle

Offense 2:

Evading Arrest or Detention

Offense 3:

Burglary of Vehicle

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:	Crime Against Property

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:	Attempted to injure law enforcement personnel

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?:	Yes
Physically attempt/assault officer(s):	No	Gain possession of officer's weapon:	N/A
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:	No

Summary of Incident

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

Summary:

On the date and time of incident, San Marcos officers received an alert of a stolen vehicle being driven through the city. The vehicle was located in our city near Hopkins/Cheatham streets. A stop was attempted, and the vehicle fled, which led police on a pursuit south on IH 35 out of our jurisdiction and into New Braunfels. New Braunfels police also assisted and were able to eventually spike and flatten one of the tires on the fleeing vehicle. Despite this, the pursuit continued for some time and the vehicle eventually crashed

through a closed/secured gate at a quarry that was closed for the night. The vehicle, now with NBPD as a primary officer in pursuit, crashed into a boulder that lined the top of a quarry. With the vehicle now disabled, but occupants exited the vehicle and fled on foot. The decedent (passenger) ran over a quarry edge falling over sixty feet to his death. Because of the low visibility conditions of nighttime and dust in the air, SMPD units were not on scene yet when the occupants fled.

Because of the obvious death after the fall, no first aid was rendered.

There were weapons found in the vehicle and near the deceased. Officers believed they had been fired upon during the pursuit, but no impacts were found on police vehicles.

SMPD CID, SMPD Internal Investigations, and Texas Rangers are investigating.