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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	25-162-UF	Version Type:	ORIGINAL VERSION
Report Date:	3/3/2025 2:27 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	New Braunfels Police Dept.	Agency Address:	3030 W. San Antonio
Agency City:	New Braunfels	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	78130		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Chief	Director First Name:	Keith
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Lane		
Reporter Name:	Robert Gardner	Reporter Email:	rgardner@newbraunfels.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: John

Middle Name: Albert

Last Name: Estrada

Suffix: Jr.

Date of Birth: 2/15/1976 Sex: Male

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 48

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 2/9/2025 3:00 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 2/9/2025 4:07 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: Pending autopsy results

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

unknown

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?: 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?: 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:	815 IH 35 S	City:	NEW BRAUNFELS
County:	Comal	Zip:	78130

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

Location Category: Business

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:

N/A

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:

N/A

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:

911 open call / disturbance

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?: Unknown

Exhibit any medical problems?: Unknown

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:	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:	Other device, specify
Other device, specify:	Both handcuffs and leg shackles

Summary of Incident

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

Summary:

On 02/09/2025, around 02:45 AM, New Braunfels 911 Dispatch received a 911 call with an open line/disturbance. Officers responded to the scene, finding the motel room where the call had plotted, and a disturbance was occurring. Officers made contact with male and female in room of disturbance. Male was contacted by officers and restrained with handcuffs behind back while lying on his stomach on floor of motel room. Male appeared to be having excited delirium and New Braunfels EMS was requested by officers on scene. EMS was dispatched. Male became more combative, where other officers arrived on scene and placed leg restraints and spit mask on male. Officers learned from female in room with male, that the male had recently used methamphetamine and was under the influence. Officers also learned from the female that the male was recently diagnosed with kidney cancer and had one kidney removed. In addition, female

informed officers that the male also suffered from mental health issues as well. EMS arrived on scene and administered Ketamine to male. Male would still have verbal and physical outbursts while restrained and after ketamine administered. The male later appeared to be having medical issues and became non-responsive. Handcuffs and spit mask were removed from male by officers and life saving measures were attempted on scene by EMS. Male passed away on scene. Methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia, (smoking pipes), were located in the motel room where male and female were in. Autopsy and toxicology were ordered. Results are still pending.