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ATTORNEY GENERAL *of* TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number: 25-361-UF

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Report Date: 5/12/2025 2:58 PM

Status: Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name: Castro County
Sheriff's Dept.

Agency Address: 900 E. Bedford

Agency City: Dimmitt

Agency State: TX

Agency Zip: 79027

Director Information

Director Salutation: Sheriff

Director First Name: Salvador

Director Middle Name: S.

Director Last Name: Rivera

Reporter Name: Salvador Rivera

Reporter Email: srivera@castrocounty.org

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Lierme

Middle Name: Blanco

Last Name: Reyes

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 10/7/1990

Sex: Male

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 34

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

Date/Time of Custody or
Incident: 5/8/2025 11:10 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 5/8/2025 1:11 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: Homicide (includes
Justifiable
Homicide)

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Gunshot wound

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?: Law
enforcement/correctional
personnel

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: 322 FM 1055

City: Hereford

County: Castro

Zip: 79045

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

Location Category: Residence/Home

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 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?: 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:

Attempted Capital Murder of a Public Servant

Offense 2:

Possession of a Controlled Substance PG 1

Offense 3:

Burglary of a Building

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: Injured 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):	Unknown	Make suicidal statements?:	Unknown
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):	Yes	Gain possession of officer's weapon:	No
Verbally threaten other(s) including law:	Unknown	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 May 8, 2025 at 10:52 a.m. the Castro County Sheriff's Office dispatch received a call from a property owner located at 335 FM 1055 which is in northwestern Castro County, Texas about finding an expensive off-road bike by his barn. He also told dispatch that he thought someone was in his barn. On the same date at 11:00 a.m. the property owner's wife called 911 stating that her husband had an intruder at gunpoint. A third call was received by dispatch from a different caller that the male had been on their property and the husband had gone after the individual. Calls were received by dispatch that the male was at the Frio Baptist Church property. Deputy arrived on scene at 11:10 a.m. at the Frio Baptist Church property and was checking the property when he observed the individual. The Deputy got out of his patrol unit and approached the male. He had detained the male and had placed him against the wall of the parsonage, when the male tried to lower his right hand. The Deputy kept trying to keep the individual from moving his hands. The male then started to move away from the Deputy and retrieved a handgun from his person and shot the Deputy in the right midsection of his body. The Deputy moved back and drew his duty handgun and started to defend himself. The Deputy did strike the male three times. The Deputy was able to take the male into custody and handcuffed him with his hands behind his back. The Deputy was able to kick away the two handguns that the male had and used one or both. Sheriff arrived on scene and asked Deputy if he was okay, the Deputy said

no. The Sheriff asked the Deputy if he had been shot and he said yes. The Sheriff then told the Deputy to check himself and the Deputy checked and the bullet resistant vest had stopped the bullet, but the Deputy was still injured by the impact of the bullet. The male requested that he be sat up so that he could breath and the Sheriff sat him up against a tree. Other units arrived which were the Deaf Smith County Sheriff's Office and the Texas Highway Patrol. First aid was provided to the male. Castro County EMS and Hereford EMS also arrived to provide medical to the Deputy and the male. The male was transported to Hereford Regional Medical Center-Emergency Department (hospital) in Hereford, Deaf Smith County, Texas and the Deputy was transported to Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt, Castro County, Texas. The male succumbed to his injuries at 1:11 p.m. in Hereford at the Hereford Regional Medical Center-Emergency Department.