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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number: 26-543-UF

Version Type: ORIGINAL
VERSION

Report Date: 7/17/2026 9:49 AM

Status: Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name: Houston Police
Dept.

Agency Address: 1200 Travis, 16th
Floor

Agency City: Houston

Agency State: TX

Agency Zip: 77002

Director Information

Director Salutation: Chief

Director First Name: J. Noe

Director Middle Name:

Director Last Name: Diaz

Reporter Name: Angeline Grimes

Reporter Email: angeline.grimes@houstonpolice.org

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Hector

Middle Name:

Last Name: Medina Cordero

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 1/2/1971

Sex: Male

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 55

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

Date/Time of Custody or
Incident: 6/19/2026 6:35 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 6/19/2026 9:00 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: Suicide

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Hanging

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?: 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: Hanging, strangulation

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address: 9301 Beechnut
Street #2424

City: Houston

County: Harris

Zip: 77036

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 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?: 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:

Burglary of Residence w/Intent to Assault (Family Violence)

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: Used other weapon, specify:

Specify Weapon Used:

Knife

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 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):	Unknown	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?:	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:	Yes	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 Friday, June 19, 2026, at approximately 1835 hours, Houston Police Department (HPD) Midwest Patrol Division and Patrol Support Team (PST) arrived at a Disturbance with a Weapon – Family Violence call at the Riveraine Apartments located at 9301 Beechnut Street #2424, Houston, Harris County, Texas 77036.

The officers learned that the husband and the wife were separated; the wife moved out and was living with their son. The husband came over to the son's apartment, forced his way inside when the wife opened the door, and assaulted the wife (he slapped her in the face and choked her). The wife was able to push him off and ran out of the apartment as the son was coming home. The husband followed the wife with a kitchen knife on hand. Their son attempted to get in the middle and contacted the police. The husband threw the knife at the wife and son and went back inside of the apartment.

HPD officers arrived and made contact with the son and the wife in the parking lot of the apartment complex. The officers observed the husband inside the apartment, looking out the window but he refused to come out.

The officers attempted to call him on the phone, but he refused to answer. After he Harris County DA's office was consulted and Burglary of Habitation with intent to assault (FV) charge was accepted, PST officers breached the front door, flew a drone inside the apartment, and found the husband hung by the neck on the closet door. The PST officers made entry into the apartment, cut the rope the husband used to hang himself, and provided medical attention. The Houston Fire Department, already staged at the scene, pronounced him deceased at 2100 hrs.

The wife fainted while speaking to the police therefore she was transported to a local hospital; she was released from the hospital that same night. No other injuries were reported during this incident.