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## ATTORNEY GENERAL *of* TEXAS

### CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

## Agency Information

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CDR Number: 25-525-CJ

Version Type: AMENDED

Report Date: 7/14/2025 7:20 AM

Status: Submitted

## Agency/Facility Information

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Agency Name: Harris County  
Sheriff's Dept.

Agency Address: 1200 Baker Street

Agency City: Houston

Agency State: TX

Agency Zip: 77002

## Director Information

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Director Salutation: Sheriff

Director First Name: Ed

Director Middle Name:

Director Last Name: Gonzalez

Reporter Name: Jeffery Vickery

Reporter Email: jeffery.vickery@sheriff.hctx.net

## Decedent Information

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### Identity of Deceased

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First Name: Alexis

Middle Name: Jovany

Last Name: Cardenas

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 2/25/1993

Sex: Male

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 32

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

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Date/Time of Custody or  
Incident: 7/6/2025 6:26 PM

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

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Death Date and Time: 7/8/2025 1:57 AM

## Manner / Cause of Death

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Has a medical examiner or coroner conducted an evaluation to determine a cause of death?

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Medical Examiner/Coroner  
Evaluation?: Yes, results are  
available

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

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Manner of Death: Homicide (includes  
Justifiable  
Homicide)

Medical Cause of Death:

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Medical Cause of Death:

Cardiac dysrhythmia associated with acute toxic effects of methamphetamine, cocaine, chlordiazepoxide, and ethanol during physical and electrical restraint

Had the decedent been receiving treatment for the medical condition that caused the death after admission to your jail's jurisdiction?

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Medical Treatment: Unknown

If death was an accident, homicide or suicide, who caused the death?

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Who caused the death?: Not applicable

If a weapon caused the death, what type of weapon caused the death? (Hold CTRL to select all that apply)

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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?

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Pre existing medical condition?: Could not be determined

If death was an accident, homicide or suicide, what was the means of death?

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Means of Death: Unknown

## Location / Custody Information

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Where did the event causing the death occur?

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Street Address: 700 N San Jacinto  
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City: Houston

County: Harris

Zip: 77002

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

Location Category: Law Enforcement  
Facility

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

Type of Custody: County Jail

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: 7/6/2025 6:26 PM

Where did the death occur?

Death Location: Medical facility

## General Information

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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?

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Offense 1:

Class C Misdemeanor Warrants

Offense 2:

Offense 3:

Were the Charges:: Filed

What were the types of charges or reason for contact? (Hold CTRL to select all that apply)

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Type of Offense: Other, specify

Type of Offense, Other:

Class C Municipal Charges

At any time during the incident and/or entry into the law enforcement facility, did the decedent display or use a weapon?

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Decedent display/use of weapons: No

At any time during the incident and/or entry into the law enforcement facility, did the decedent:

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Attempt to Injure Others?: Unknown

At any time during the incident and/or entry into the law enforcement facility, did the decedent:

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Appear intoxicated (alcohol or drugs): Unknown

Make suicidal statements?: Unknown

Exhibit any mental health problems?: Unknown

Exhibit any medical problems?: Yes

At any time during the incident and/or entry into the law enforcement facility, did the decedent:

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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:	No
Attempt gain possession officer's weapon:	Yes		

Was the deceased under restraint in the time leading up to the death or the events causing the death?

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Under Restraint: Yes, mark which restraint devices were used

Type of restraint

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Type of Restraint: Handcuffs; Leg Shackles

## Summary of Incident

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

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Summary:

On July 6, 2025, the decedent was arrested on Class C Municipal Warrants by the Houston Police Department, transported to the Joint Processing Center, and booked into the Harris County Jail. On July 8, 2025, two officers escorted the decedent to an exit door and opened it, after he was released from custody. The decedent refused to exit the building, and a struggle ensued, including the discharge of a Taser on the decedent. The struggle continued, restraints were applied, and the decedent became unresponsive. CPR was started, and medical staff arrived, continuing life-saving measures. Houston Fire Department personnel arrived, assumed care, and transported the decedent to an outside hospital. At 1:57 a.m., a medical doctor pronounced death.