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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	25-696-UF	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	9/5/2025 1:23 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Stafford Police Dept.	Agency Address:	2702 South Main St.
Agency City:	Stafford	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	77477		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Chief	Director First Name:	Richard
Director Middle Name:	S		
Director Last Name:	Ramirez		
Reporter Name:	Nathan Cohn	Reporter Email:	ncohn@staffordtx.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Adrian

Middle Name: Jacobo

Last Name: Mercado

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 11/9/1989 Sex: Male

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 35

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 9/3/2025 9:51 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 9/4/2025 5:40 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 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 to the neck.

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?: 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?: Rifle/shotgun

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:	13007 Lawrence Lane	City:	Stafford
County:	Fort Bend	Zip:	77477

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?:	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:
Homicide	
	Offense 2:
Aggravated Assault on a Peace Officer	
	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:	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; Killed 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?:	Yes
Exhibit any mental health problems?:	Unknown	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?:	N/A
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:	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 09/03/2025, at approximately 21:55 hours, the father of the decedent came to the Stafford Police Department to report that the Decedent had murdered someone and that the body was at the residence located at 13007 Lawrence Lane, Stafford, TX. Officers arrived on location and located a deceased male wrapped in a blanket, under a door-like piece of wood, in the backyard. Officers attempted to locate the resident, Adrian Mercado, who was reported to have murdered the male located in the backyard. Mercado was determined to be inside the residence when he shot at the officers on scene. An officer was struck with a projectile, which penetrated his radio that was attached to his molle ballistic vest. Officers retreated toward cover while Mercado continued to randomly fire at officers. East Fort Bend Regional SWAT and Hostage Negotiator was called to the scene. Before SWAT assembled on the scene, Mercado continued to shoot at officers. One Stafford Police Officer returned a single shot in the direction of Mercado, striking him. After SWAT assembled, they ultimately entered the residence and located Mercado deceased from a gunshot wound to the neck.