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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	25-1051-UF	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	12/27/2025 12:20 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Brownsville Police Dept.	Agency Address:	600 E. Jackson
Agency City:	Brownsville	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	78520		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Chief	Director First Name:	Felix
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Sauceda Jr.		
Reporter Name:	Fernando Flores	Reporter Email:	fernando.flores@brownsvilletx.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Israel

Middle Name:

Last Name: Mendoza

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 6/14/1980 Sex: Male

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 45

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 12/26/2025 12:41 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 12/26/2025 1:19 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:

Combined effects of Conducted Energy Device Deployments, Restraint and Physical Exertion during Subdual Efforts and Acute Methamphetamine Cardiotoxicity.

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?:	Conducted energy device (e.g. Taser); Other Weapon, specify:

Other weapon, specify:

Combined effects of Conducted Energy Device Deployments, Restraint and Physical Exertion during Subdual Efforts and Acute Methamphetamine Cardiotoxicity.

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:	Other, specify

Means of Death Other:	Drug Overdose (Acute Methamphetamine Cardiotoxicity) combined with the effects of Conducted Energy Device Deployment, Restraint and Physical Exertion during Subdual Efforts.

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address:	5600 Travis Rd.	City:	Brownsville
County:	Cameron	Zip:	78521

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

Location Category: Roadway/highway/street/sidewalk

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:

Aggravated Assault of a Public Servant (X6)

Offense 2:

Resisting Arrest

Offense 3:

Terroristic Threats

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:	Displayed other weapon, specify:

Specify Weapon Displayed:

Makeshift weapon (electrical thick wire with metal blunt object attached)

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

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?:	No	Exhibit any medical problems?:	Yes

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?:	Yes
Physically attempt/assault officer(s):	Yes	Gain possession of officer's weapon:	No
Verbally threaten other(s) including law:	Yes	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:	Yes, mark which restraint devices

were used

Type of restraint

Type of Restraint: Handcuffs

Summary of Incident

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

Summary:

On December 26, 2025 at approximately 12:07pm, the Brownsville Police Department received a 911 call in reference to a domestic dispute at 1504 N. Minnesota Ave. The complainant advised that his son, Israel Mendoza, had been intoxicated for the past three days and was currently intoxicated on drugs and alcohol causing a disturbance. The complainant stated that Israel was aggressive, out of control, and in possession of a vehicle that was not his. Furthermore, the complainant stated that due to his aggression, he wanted for police to take custody of him.

Upon police arrival, at approximately 12:14pm, contact was made with the complainant who reiterated what he advised dispatch moments earlier. Contact was also made with Israel's brother. He advised that Israel had possibly not slept in days and was highly intoxicated and delusional. The brother expressed concern that Israel might try to kill himself or officers on scene. The mother of Israel advised that during his crisis, he mentioned that he would kill her if she did not comply with a request to assist a friend of his.

At approximately 12:39pm, officers attempted to make contact with Israel who was standing in the middle of street at the 5600 block of Travis Rd. Israel was holding a makeshift weapon (electrical thick wire with metal blunt object attached) on his right hand. He refused officer's commands, positioned himself in a fighting stance while he displayed the makeshift weapon and told officers to "go ahead, come on" in Spanish.

An officer on scene then aimed and discharged his Taser 10 towards Israel. Neuromuscular incapacitation was achieved and Israel collapsed. Officers on scene then approached Israel, kicked the makeshift weapon out of his reach, and proceeded to attempt and secure handcuffs on him. Israel resisted arrest and a second discharge of the Taser 10 was conducted. After a brief struggle, handcuffs were secured on Israel.

While on the street, officers noticed Israel had become non-responsive. Officers then placed Israel on the "recovery position" and requested EMS on scene via portable radio. Officers observed Israel was still breathing and began chest compressions shortly thereafter. EMS arrived on scene at 12:49pm and transported Israel to Valley Regional Medical Center. He was pronounced deceased at 1:19pm at VRMC.

The Texas Rangers responded to the scene and took over the investigation.

An autopsy report was ordered for Israel. The Cameron County Forensic Pathologist documented the Cause of Death as "Combined effects of Conducted Energy Device Deployment, Restraint, and Physical Exertion during Subdual Efforts and Acute Methamphetamine Cardiotoxicity.