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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	25-1056-UF	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	12/29/2025 1:04 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Harlingen Police Dept.	Agency Address:	1018 Fair Park Blvd
Agency City:	Harlingen	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	78550		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Chief	Director First Name:	Michael
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Kester		
Reporter Name:	Jaime Palafox	Reporter Email:	jpalafox@harlingentx.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Andres

Middle Name:

Last Name: Arizmendi

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 2/16/1982 Sex: Male

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 43

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 12/26/2025 12:46 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 12/26/2025 12:46 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:

multiple gunshot wounds

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

Medical Treatment: Unknown

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?: Could not be determined

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:	S 77 Sunshine Strip / E. Harrison Avenue	City:	Harlingen
County:	Cameron	Zip:	78550

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 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:

attempted capital murder of peace officer

Offense 2:

aggravated assault w/ deadly weapon

Offense 3:

evading arrest in motor vehicle

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?: No

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?:	No
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 12/26/2025 at about 12:46 PM, the Harlingen Police Department assisted Combes Police Officer and Cameron County Precinct 5 Constables in a vehicular pursuit with wanted individual identified as Andres Arizmendi (2/16/1982). At the conclusion of the pursuit, Mr. Arizmendi exited his vehicle and discharged his firearm at the pursuing Officers. The pursuing Officers were placed in fear of serious bodily injury and death which caused them to discharge their firearms at Mr. Arizmendi. Mr. Arizmendi sustained multiple gunshot wounds which caused his death.

One of the Officers involved in this incident is a Harlingen Police Officer, therefore, the Texas Rangers will be conducting an investigation into this case.