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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	26-252-CJ	Version Type:	ORIGINAL VERSION
Report Date:	3/31/2026 1:50 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Guadalupe County Sheriff's Office	Agency Address:	2617 N. Guadalupe
Agency City:	Seguin	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	78155		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Joshua
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Ray		
Reporter Name:	Robert Hernandez	Reporter Email:	rhernandez@co.guadalupe.tx.us

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Reuben

Middle Name:

Last Name: Vela

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 11/28/1972 Sex: Male

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 53

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 7/21/2025 1:07 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 3/26/2026 6:28 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: Natural

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Under hospice care at hospital diabetic, heart issues, wound care

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

Medical Treatment: Yes

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

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)

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?: Pre-existing medical condition

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

Means of Death: Not applicable, cause of death was illness/natural cause

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address:	1215 E. Court Street	City:	Seguin
County:	Guadalupe	Zip:	78655

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

Location Category: Other, specify

Other Location Category:

Hospital

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:

Hospital/Infirmary

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: 7/21/2025 1:07 PM

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?: 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:

Online solicitation of a minor under 14

Offense 2:

Online solicitation of a minor under 14

Offense 3:

Online solicitation of a minor under 14

Were the Charges:: Filed

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

Type of Offense: Crimes Against Child(ren)

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: No

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): No

Make suicidal statements?: Yes

Exhibit any mental health problems?: Yes

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?:	No	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:	No	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:

Jail Administrator Robert Hernandez notified the Texas Commission on Jail Standards of inmate Vela, Reuben SO#25202-01 declining health while in custody.
Inmate Vela has been under the facility's medical doctor since 07/22/2025 and first went to the hospital 2/14/2026. Inmate Vela returned from the hospital on 2/23/2026 and returned to the facility's medical doctors care until 3/24/2026 when admitted to GRMC and placed in hospice care. Inmate Vela passed away on 3/26/2026 at 1828.Texas Rangers were notified and are conducting the investigation into inmate Vela's death.