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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number: 26-474-CJ

Version Type: ORIGINAL
VERSION

Report Date: 6/17/2026 9:06 AM

Status: Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name: Tom Green County
Sheriff's Dept.

Agency Address: 222 W. Harris

Agency City: San Angelo

Agency State: TX

Agency Zip: 76903

Director Information

Director Salutation: Sheriff

Director First Name: John

Director Middle Name: N

Director Last Name: Hanna

Reporter Name: Roger Looka

Reporter Email: roger.looka@co.tom-green.tx.us

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Guadalupe

Middle Name: Armando

Last Name: Sarzosa

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 5/26/1989

Sex: Male

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 36

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

Date/Time of Custody or 5/21/2026 12:06
Incident: PM

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

Death Date and Time: 5/8/2026 10:31 PM

Manner / Cause of Death

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

Medical Examiner/Coroner Yes, results
Evaluation?: pending

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

Manner of Death: Accidental

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Suspected accidental drug overdose

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?: Decedent

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?: 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: Drug overdose

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address: 4382 N. US Hwy
277

City: San Angelo

County: Tom_Green

Zip: 76905

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:

Jail - holding cell

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: 5/8/2026 12:06 PM

Where did the death occur?

Death Location: Law enforcement
facility/booking
center

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:

Motion to Revoke - Attempt to Take Weapon From an Officer State Jail Felony

Offense 2:

Offense 3:

Were the Charges:: A probation/parole violation

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: No

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): No

Make suicidal statements?: No

Exhibit any mental health

problems?: Yes

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?:	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:	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: Yes, mark which restraint devices were used

Type of restraint

Type of Restraint: Other device, specify

Other device, specify: Restraint Chair

Summary of Incident

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

Summary:

Guadalupe Armando Sarzosa was brought into the Tom Green County Detention Center at 12:06 PM on May 8, 2026 for a Motion to Revoke Probation warrant out of Sterling County. The original offense was Attempt to Take Weapon From an Officer, a state jail felony. The arresting officer expressed concerns about Sarzosa potentially being suicidal, however, during the suicide assessment at intake, Sarzosa denied any suicidal thoughts. As a precaution, he was placed on close watch. Around 9:13 PM, Sarzosa became agitated and began striking the holding cell door forcefully, risking self-injury. Despite officers' attempts to deescalate the situation, Sarzosa resisted and had to be restrained for his own safety. He was secured in a restraint chair and placed in the violent cell. At 9:32 PM, a face-to-face observation by jail staff showed that Sarzosa was

vocal and moving. At 9:46 PM, during a cell check, Sarzosa was found to be slumped over and non-responsive. Medical staff were notified and life-saving measure were started. Emergency medical personnel arrived and took over life-saving measures, but Sarzosa was pronounced deceased at 10:31 PM. It is believed that Sarzosa experienced an accidental drug overdose due to ingesting (swallowing) a baggie of a controlled substance at or near the time of arrest. Preliminary autopsy results showed a baggie of ingested drugs in Sarzosa. Final determination is pending the final autopsy results and toxicology report.