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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number: 26-549-CJ

Version Type: AMENDED

Report Date: 7/21/2026 9:48 AM

Status: Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name: Live Oak County
Sheriff's Dept.

Agency Address: 200 Larry R. Busby
Drive

Agency City: George West

Agency State: TX

Agency Zip: 78022

Director Information

Director Salutation: Sheriff

Director First Name: Larry

Director Middle Name: R

Director Last Name: Busby

Reporter Name: Misty Gonzalez

Reporter Email: cjailer@loctx.org

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Rene

Middle Name:

Last Name: Soto

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 1/18/1989

Sex: Male

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 37

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

Date/Time of Custody or
Incident: 6/14/2026 8:22 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 6/15/2026 1:14 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: Accidental

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

cocaine toxicity

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?: Could not be determined

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: 200 Larry R. Busby Dr.

City: George West

County: Live_Oak

Zip: 78022

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: 6/14/2026 8:22 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?: 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:

PROH SUSBSTANCE/ ITEM IN CORR/CIVCOM FACILITY

Offense 2:

POSS MARIJ LT 2OZ

Offense 3:

DRIVING W/ LIC INV/ W/ PREV CONV/ SUSP/W/O FIN RES

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: Alcohol / drug offense

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?: No

Exhibit any mental health problems?: No

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?:	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:

On June 14, 2026, Rene was booked into the Live Oak County Jail, charged with Proh Substance/ Item CIV COM Facility (F3), Poss Marij LT 2oz (MB), and Driving w/ lic inv w/ prev conv/ susp/w/o fin res (MB). On June 14, 2026, at 8:40 P.M. Soto, Rene was brought into the facility in the processing area to be pat searched then taken tot he booking desk to completed the booking questions information. When Soto, Rene was being escorted from the processing area tot he booking area, Soto, Rene reached into his shorts with his left hand and pulled something out of his shorts and put it in his mouth. Corporal Lane McClelland was in front of Soto, Rene. Soto, Rene was walking behind the Corporal. Soto, Rene completed the booking questions with the Corporal and then Soto, Rene was escorted to the dress out room for a strip search by the Corporal. At this time Soto, Rene got something out of his shorts and threw it in the corner in which it was retrieved by the arresting Trooper and was determined to be marijuana. At approximately 9:04 P.M. Soto, Rene was housed in holding cell #2. Security checks were preformed within the Texas Jail Standards time frame. Soto, Rene appeared to be fine. Soto, Rene was then taken out of holding cell #2 at approximately 10:45 P.M. by the Corporal to complete the fingerprint process and have Soto, Rene sign off on all the booking paperwork again, Soto, Rene appeared to be fine at this time as well. At approximately 11:15 P.M. Soto, Rene was placed back into holding cell #2 where he appeared to be fine. At approximately 11:54 P.M. another inmate in the same holding cell #2 as Soto, Rene started to knock n the window to get the jail staff to come help Soto, Rene who appeared to be having a medical issue (which later I saw on the surveillance footage from Soto, Rene's cell), in which the other inmates in holding cell #2 with Soto, Rene alerted jail staff. Corporal McClelland and another jailer responded to holding cell #2. Corporal McClelland then advised the other jailer to call dispatch and have them call Emergency Medical Staff for Soto, Rene. The jailer called dispatch for Emergency Medical Staff. At approximately 12:02 A.M. a Deputy responded and removed the other inmates from holding cell #2 so that Soto, Rene was there with the jail staff and the deputy. Emergency Medical Staff arrived at the facility at approximately 12:25 A.M. Emergency Medical Staff then took over the scene with Soto, Rene in holding cell #2. Soto, Rene was then taken out of holding cell #2 and into the sally port into the Emergency Medical Staff vehicle at approximately 12:33 A.M. At some point in the back of the Emergency Medical Staff vehicle Soto, Rene coded and CPR was administered with out success by Emergency Medial Staff. The inmate Soto, Rene was pronounced deceased at approximately 1:14 A.M.

