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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number: 26-525-UF

Version Type: ORIGINAL
VERSION

Report Date: 7/12/2026 8:36 AM

Status: Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name: San Marcos Police
Dept.

Agency Address: 2300 S. IH-35

Agency City: San Marcos

Agency State: TX

Agency Zip: 78666

Director Information

Director Salutation: Chief

Director First Name: Stan

Director Middle Name:

Director Last Name: Standridge

Reporter Name: Bob Klett

Reporter Email: bklett@sanmarcostx.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Thomas

Middle Name: Anthony

Last Name: Hawkins

Suffix: III

Date of Birth: 2/10/2001

Sex: Male

Race: Black or African
American

Age At Time Of Death: 25

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 6/26/2026 11:43
PM

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

Death Date and Time: 6/26/2026 9:08 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
pending

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

Manner of Death: Homicide (includes
Justifiable

Homicide)

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

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: No

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?: 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: Firearm

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address: 3085 Hwy 123

City: San Marcos

County: Hays

Zip: 78666

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

Location Category: Residence/Home

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: 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:

Aggravated Assault Against a Public Servant

Offense 2:

Offense 3:

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:

Table knife

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?: 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: No

Summary of Incident

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

Summary:

San Marcos Police Department received a call reporting an individual with active felony warrants at an apartment complex. One of those felony warrants was issued as a result of a San Marcos Police investigation

involving an Assault Family Violence Impeding Breath or Circulation, originally reported to the San Marcos Police Department on February 10, 2025.

The caller also reported the suspect, later identified as Thomas Anthony Hawkins III, age 25, had additional warrants. Our 911 Dispatch Center confirmed two additional full extradition warrants: Assault on a Peace Officer out of Tarrant County from 2023 and Continuous Violence Against the Family out of Bell County in 2020.

Three officers arrived at the apartment complex located at 3085 State Highway 123. The involved apartment was on the top floor.

Officers knocked and announced themselves as police. After a third attempt, the door was opened. An adult female came out and confirmed the suspect was inside. She advised officers that there were several adults and two children in the apartment and that two firearms — belonging to her and her partner — were also inside.

Her partner, who is the brother of the deceased, exited the apartment shortly thereafter, holding one of the children in his arms. After being told about the purpose of the officers being there, the brother handed the child to the mother and returned into the apartment to bring the suspect out.

During this time, one of the three officers went downstairs and saw the suspect exit the apartment onto the balcony near the railing. The officer told him to go back into the apartment. This officer remained on the ground floor.

When the suspect's brother did not immediately return from inside the apartment, an officer knocked and announced that they were not going to go away. The door then opened, with the suspect being removed from the apartment by his brother. The suspect was holding a knife raised near his head. One of the officers was standing right outside the door at the top of the stairs. As the suspect lunged with the knife toward the officer, that officer discharged his firearm, striking the suspect. The suspect fell to the ground face down. He remained in possession of the knife and began to roll over, at which point the two officers discharged their firearms multiple times.

The suspect was handcuffed and treated by San Marcos Hays County EMS. He was transported to Ascension Seton Hospital, where after a short time he was pronounced deceased.