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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	26-548-MJ	Version Type:	ORIGINAL VERSION
Report Date:	7/20/2026 3:14 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: Deborah

Middle Name: Denise

Last Name: Salazar

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 1/24/1984 Sex: Female

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 42

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 7/16/2026 8:12 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 7/17/2026 5:06 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 pending

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

Manner of Death: Pending autopsy results

Medical Cause of Death:

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pending autopsy results

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?: 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?: Could not be determined

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

Means of Death: Unknown

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address:	1018 Fairpark Blvd	City:	Harlingen
County:	Cameron	Zip:	78550

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:	Municipal Jail

Specific type of custody/facility:

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Jail - multiple occupancy 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:	7/16/2026 8:31 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:

Warrant other agency Felony 3rd degree

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: Other, specify

Type of Offense, Other:

Parole violation warrant evading in motor vehicle 3rd degree felony

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 7/16/2026 at approximately 8:12 PM, Deborah Denise Salazar was arrested by Harlingen Police Officers for an outstanding warrant out of the Texas Pardon and Parole Division. On 7/17/2026 at approximately 3:46 AM, Harlingen Jailers advised that Ms. Salazar was found unresponsive inside her jail cell. Ms. Salazar was transported to Valley Baptist Medical Center via ambulance, for medical treatment where she was declared deceased on 7/17/2026 at 5:06 am.

Investigation is ongoing.