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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	26-632-PF	Version Type:	ORIGINAL VERSION
Report Date:	8/17/2026 7:37 AM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	McKinney Police Dept.	Agency Address:	2200 Taylor-Burk Dr
Agency City:	McKinney	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	75071		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Chief	Director First Name:	Joe
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Ellenburg		
Reporter Name:	Kelsie Cannaday	Reporter Email:	kcannaday@mckinneytexas.org

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Christian

Middle Name:

Last Name: Martinez

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 3/18/2001 Sex: Male

Race: Hispanic or Latino

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: 8/3/2026 1:21 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 8/3/2026 2:00 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: Other - specify

Manner of Death Description:

Possible anaphylactic reaction to fire ants. Deceased was also heavily intoxicated when contacted by officers.

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Pending medical examiners evaluation.

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?: 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: Other, specify

Means of Death Other: Believed to be anaphylactic reaction to fire ants.

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address: 1400 Eldorado Pkwy

City: McKinney

County: Collin

Zip: 75071

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

Location Category: Other, specify

Other Location Category:

In front of apartment complex in the grass.

What type of custody/facility was the Decedent in at the time of death:

Type of Custody: Private Facility

Specific type of custody/facility:

Specific Type of Custody/Facility:

N/A

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:

Public Intoxication

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: 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):	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?:	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 August 3, 2026, at 0121 hours, McKinney Police responded to 1400 Eldorado Pkwy (Lakes of Eldorado Apartments) about a welfare check of a male laying on the ground near the entrance to complex. Officers contacted Christian Martinez (WM 3/18/2001) who had signs of intoxication or being under the influence.

At one point, the Officers took Martinez into custody for the offense of public intoxication. Officers had to take him to the ground with minimal force and placed him in handcuffs. Officers began feeling a stinging on their arms around the same time Martinez began yelling and screaming. They determined that Martinez and the officers were in the middle of a fire ant pile. Officers began wiping ants off themselves and Martinez. When they lifted Martinez up from the ground, they saw the fire ants on Martinez, and they continued to wipe off the ants.

Once the ants were removed, they decided to escort Martinez to place him in the back of a patrol car. Before being placed in the car, Martinez began to groan and his breathing changed. They placed him on the ground

in a recovery position and removed the handcuffs. McKinney Fire/EMS was called to treat Martinez. Before EMS' arrival, he went unconscious. EMS arrived and began CPR on Martinez. He was later transported to Medical City McKinney and later admitted to the hospital.

It was learned the following day that Martinez passed away at the hospital. The Texas Rangers were notified to take over the investigation. It is possible that Martinez died from anaphylactic shock based upon preliminary results by the ME, but toxicology hasn't returned so the Medical Examiner has not ruled the cause of death. The case is still under investigation by the Texas Rangers.