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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	26-786-UF	Version Type:	ORIGINAL VERSION
Report Date:	10/6/2026 3:50 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Houston Police Dept.	Agency Address:	1200 Travis, 16th Floor
Agency City:	Houston	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	77002		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Chief	Director First Name:	J. Noe
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Diaz		
Reporter Name:	Angeline Grimes	Reporter Email:	angeline.grimes@houstonpolice.org

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Saul

Middle Name:

Last Name: Mejia

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 3/3/2006 Sex: Male

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 20

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 9/11/2026 4:20 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 9/11/2026 8:13 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: Suicide

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Suicide. Self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head.

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?: 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:	4411 N. Shepherd Dr. #23A	City:	Houston
County:	Harris	Zip:	77018

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: Scene of incident

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:

Murder

Offense 2:

Aggravated Assault - Deadly Weapon

Offense 3:

Were the Charges::	Filed

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:	Discharged firearm

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:	Killed civilian(s) or other inmate(s); Injured civilian(s) or other inmate(s)

At any time during the incident and/or entry into the law enforcement facility, did the decedent:

Appear intoxicated (alcohol or drugs):	Unknown	Make suicidal statements?:	Unknown
Exhibit any mental health problems?:	Unknown	Exhibit any medical problems?:	Unknown

At any time during the incident and/or entry into the law enforcement facility, did the decedent:

Barricade self or initiate standoff?:	Yes	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:	Unknown	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 Friday, September 11, 2026, Houston Police Officers were dispatched to a Cutting in Progress call for service at 4411 N. Sheperd Dr. #23A. The call slip reported that the suspect had stabbed his brother in the back with a knife.

When officers arrived on scene, they made contact with 911 caller, who is the mother of the suspect. While officers were speaking to her, the complainant was getting medical treatment and was transported to Ben Taub Hospital by the Houston Fire Department (HFD), ambulance number 13. The mother of the suspect informed officers that her husband was still inside the apartment and is partially paralyzed and cannot walk on his own. Officers attempted to make contact with the suspect who was still in the apartment, however, the suspect told officers that he was not going to come out. Officers contacted the Harris County District Attorney's Officer and charges of Aggravated Assault – Family Member were accepted against the suspect. HPD SWAT was called out to assist since it became a prolonged barricaded suspect scene.

As SWAT was arriving on scene, one gunshot was initially heard from inside the apartment and then a fire began to ignite from inside as well. HFD was called out to put out the fire and then a second gunshot was heard towards the back of the apartment., Once the fire was out, HPD DWAT went inside and confirmed two

dead bodies with the time of death both called at 2013 hours by SWAT Dr. Schulz.

The Harris Count Institute of Forensic Sciences was notified of this incident and sent investigators M. Dechant and K. Berkman to conduct the initial scene investigation. From their initial investigation, it appeared that, one male was fully burned in the living room area and was pronounced on scene. This male also had a single gunshot wound to the right side of his head. The other male, who is the suspect, was found with what appeared to be a self-inflicted gunshot wound to his head towards the back of the apartment.

The Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences conducted an autopsy of the decedent/suspect and Dr. Henrie gave a preliminary ruling that this death appear to be a suicide due to self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head documented under ML26-3425 but will leave it pending until toxicology comes back. The autopsy report is still pending completion.