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## ATTORNEY GENERAL *of* TEXAS

### CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

## Agency Information

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CDR Number: 16-12-MJ

Version Type: AMENDED

Report Date: 11/4/2020 3:10 PM

Status: Submitted

## Agency/Facility Information

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Agency Name: Harlingen Police  
Dept.

Agency Address: 1018 Fair Park Blvd

Agency City: Harlingen

Agency State: TX

Agency Zip: 78550

## Director Information

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Director Salutation: Chief

Director First Name: Jeffry

Director Middle Name:

Director Last Name: Adickes

Reporter Name: Emilio Weaver

Reporter Email: eweaver@harlingenpolice.com

## Decedent Information

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### Identity of Deceased

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First Name: Aaron

Middle Name: Omar

Last Name: Cavazos

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 7/13/1986

Sex: Male

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 30

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

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Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 12/11/2016 11:00 AM

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

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Death Date and Time: 12/14/2016 9:40 PM

## Manner / Cause of Death

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Has a medical examiner or coroner conducted an evaluation to determine a cause of death?

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Medical Examiner/Coroner Evaluation?: Yes, results are available

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

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Manner of Death: Alcohol/Drug Intoxication

Medical Cause of Death:

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Medical Cause of Death:

Acute Combined Drug Toxicity

Had the decedent been receiving treatment for the medical condition that caused the death after admission to your jail's jurisdiction?

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Medical Treatment: Yes

If death was an accident, homicide or suicide, who caused the death?

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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)

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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?

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Pre existing medical condition?: Pre-existing medical condition

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

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Means of Death: Drug overdose

## Location / Custody Information

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Where did the event causing the death occur?

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Street Address: 1018 Fairpark Blvd

City: Harlingen

County: Cameron

Zip: 78550

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

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Location Category: Law Enforcement  
Facility

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

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Type of Custody: Municipal Jail

Specific type of custody/facility:

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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):

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Entry Date Time: 12/11/2016 11:00  
AM

Where did the death occur?

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Death Location: Medical facility

## General Information

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Did any other law enforcement agencies respond to calls for service related to this incident?

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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?

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Offense 1:

Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon/ Family Violence

Offense 2:

Interference with Emergency call

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)

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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?

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Decedent display/use of weapons: No

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

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Attempt to Injure Others?: No

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

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Appear intoxicated (alcohol or drugs): Yes

Make suicidal statements?: No

Exhibit any mental health problems?: N/A

Exhibit any medical problems?: No

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

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Barricade self or initiate

Resist being handcuffed or

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| standoff?:                                | No | arrested?:                                | Yes |
| 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?

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Under Restraint: No

## Summary of Incident

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

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Summary:

Officers responded to the decedent's residence where he was to be arrested for Aggravated Assault with a deadly weapon and Interference with an emergency call. While officers approached the decedent he made two gestures with his right arm, as he reached towards his back as if he was going to display a weapon and would use a forward motion in attempts to bait the officers, into a suicide by cop. The third time the decedent did this motion towards his back, the officers deployed one Taser X26 on the decedent. EMS was called to the scene and the decedent was cleared for incarceration. The decedent was transported to the station where he was booked on the above mentioned charges. The decedent was placed in the holding cell, where he fell asleep for almost three hours. The jail staff advised that the decedent was snoring very loudly, and when he stopped, that is when they checked on him and found him to be unresponsive. Jail staff and officers began CPR on the decedent and EMS arrived where he was transported to the Hospital for treatment. The decedent expired three days later in the Hospital.

6-28-2017 Elizabeth J. Miller, M.D. issued a finding based on the autopsy of Cavazos. Dr. Miller cited Acute Combined Drug Toxicity as the cause of death.