



McAllen Police Department

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In Custody Death Reported

Nature of CFS: Disturbance (In-Progress).

Date: 11/03/2021.

Time: 10:13 AM.

Location: 1400 Block S. 10th Street McAllen, Texas.

CFS Summary: Reporting Persons (RPs) called the McAllen Police Department and reported that a “male is screaming, possibly intoxicated, unknown if [male suspect had] weapons ... male is bothering customers ... male is currently inside the restaurant.”

Multiple Calls-For-Service and restaurant employees activated their alarm system regarding this incident.

At:

10:17 AM, Responding Officers located the male suspect inside the restaurant, standing between the restaurant door and the restaurant employees and customers who had huddled together. Reporting Officers determined that the male suspect had threatened the restaurant employees and customers to not attempt to leave the restaurant, that the huddled employees and customers were there against their will, and that the huddled employees and customers were in fear of their safety.

The Responding Officers attempted to verbally engage the suspect and offered to assist him. The suspect continued screaming, at times the screaming was undecipherable and at times the suspect claimed that he knew “how you [Police Officers] work”. During the attempted interaction with the male suspect, Responding Officers began to evacuate employees and customers through a side door.

10:20 AM, The male suspect saw one (1) customer exiting and running onto the restaurant parking lot towards the customer’s personal vehicle. The male suspect gave chase and attempted to prevent the customer from leaving. The Responding officers pursued the male suspect onto the parking Lot and towards 10th Street. At 10th Street, the male suspect stumbled and collapsed on the northbound lanes of 10th Street. At that point, the Responding Officers attempted to subdue and place the suspect in custody. In this course, the male suspect resisted the Responding Officer’s attempt to place in custody. The male suspect’s resistance included biting and causing serious injury to Responding Officers.

10:23 AM, The Responding Officers reported that the male suspect was in custody and they requested Emergency Medical Services for injured Officers.

10:26 AM, The Responding Officers reported that the male suspect was not breathing and begin CPR procedures on the male suspect. CPR procedures were continued until Emergency Medical Services arrived on site.

10:29 AM, The Responding Officers reported that Emergency Medical Services and McAllen FD were on site and that both agencies continued chest compressions on the male suspect.

10:47 AM, The Responding Emergency Medical Services transported the male suspect to the Hospital: and at

11:00 AM, The male suspect passed away at McAllen Medical Center.

Justice of the Peace R. Contreras ordered an autopsy.

The male suspect has been tentatively identified, verification of identification and notice to next of kin is pending.

The following Officers were injured during this incident:

Officer Ricardo Gallardo was treated for injuries to his left arm. Officer Gallardo is a 19-year Officer.

Officer Mike Garcia was treated for minor scratches. Officer Garcia is a 14-year Officer.

Officer James Martinez was treated at local hospital for bite injuries to his hand. Officer Martinez is a 11-year Officer.

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