U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)
Detainee Death Report: LOPEZ Cornejo, Edwin

Immigration History

Mr. LOPEZ Cornejo, a 41-year-old male citizen of El Salvador, was encountered by ICE Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) Newark on June 18, 2026. ERO Newark served him with a Notice of Intent/Decision to Reinstate Prior Order, in accordance with Section 241(a)(5) of the INA, and detained him at Delaney Hall Detention Facility (DHDF) in Newark, NJ pending removal.

Synopsis of Events

On June 19, 2026, a registered nurse (RN) completed Mr. LOPEZ Cornejo's medical intake screening. The RN documented his diagnoses of diabetes, hypertension, and seizure disorder and his current prescribed medications. The RN recorded normal vital signs, except an elevated blood pressure reading,

and noted his denial of mental illness. The RN issued Mr. LOPEZ Cornejo a lower bunk and cleared him for general population.

On June 21, 2026, a physician completed Mr. LOPEZ Cornejo's comprehensive health assessment, recorded normal vital signs, except an elevated blood pressure reading, and noted his last reported seizure occurred three years ago. The physician continued his current prescribed medications, ordered a diabetic and low salt diet, a 12-lead electrocardiogram (EKG), comprehensive laboratory testing, and a chronic care follow-up appointment in three months.

On July 1, 2026, a physician reviewed and signed off Mr. LOPEZ Conejo's laboratory studies, which showed results within normal limits, except for an elevated glucose and hemoglobin A1C level, and noted his follow-up chronic care appointment.

On July 29, 2026, an RN evaluated Mr. LOPEZ Cornejo for a small cut on his right fifth finger. The RN cleaned the wound, applied ointment, covered it with bandage, and referred him to a higher-level provider.

On July 31, 2026, a physician evaluated Mr. LOPEZ Cornejo's right finger injury. The physician recorded normal vital signs and mild pain, found no signs of infection, and advised him to follow up as needed.

On August 1, 2026, at approximately 1:28 p.m., an RN evaluated Mr. LOPEZ Cornejo for complaints of "elevated blood pressure and dizziness" that began while he was in the dining hall. The RN noted Mr. LOPEZ Cornejo walked independently but had an unsteady gait, sat down in a chair, began shaking and leaning to his right side, and then became unresponsive, gasping for air.

At approximately 1:30 p.m., an advanced practice provider (APP) directed security staff to lower Mr. LOPEZ Cornejo to the floor. Medical staff initiated cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), and

the APP requested staff to call 911. Medical staff applied oxygen and an automated external defibrillator (AED), and followed the prompts to deliver one shock to Mr. LOPEZ Cornejo. The APP noted spontaneous shallow respirations and continued CPR.

- **At approximately 1:50 p.m.,** medical staff delivered a second shock, and Mr. LOPEZ Cornejo became responsive with a blood pressure reading of 101/55 mm Hg, and blood glucose reading of 97 mg/dL. The APP noted that Mr. LOPEZ Cornejo became unresponsive again, and medical staff resumed CPR until emergency medical services (EMS) arrived and took over lifesaving measures at 2:05 p.m.
- **At approximately 2:12 p.m.,** a second EMS crew arrived and initiated advanced life support interventions. EMS staff intubated, established intraosseous access for medication, and delivered two additional defibrillator shocks to Mr. LOPEZ Cornejo.
- **At approximately 2:36 p.m.,** EMS staff transported Mr. LOPEZ Cornejo to the University Hospital, in Newark, NJ.
- **At approximately 3:24 p.m.,** medical staff at University Hospital pronounced Mr. LOPEZ-Cornejo deceased.