U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)
Detainee Death Report: ARENAS Silva, Jesus Manuel

Immigration History

Mr. ARENAS Silva, a 45-year-old male citizen of Venezuela, was encountered by ICE Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) Atlanta on July 9, 2026, due to an outstanding warrant of removal. Mr. ARENAS Silva was detained at Irwin County Detention Center (ICDC) in Ocilla, Georgia (GA) pending removal proceedings.

Synopsis of Events

On July 10, 2026, a licensed practical nurse (LPN) completed Mr. ARENAS Silva's medical intake screening and documented his histories of diabetes, hypertension, anxiety, and depression; his report of taking several medications; normal vital signs, except an elevated blood pressure; and an elevated blood glucose reading. The LPN noted that the only prescription medication Mr. ARENAS Silva arrived with was for anxiety. The LPN later confirmed with his pharmacy that Mr. ARENAS Silva had active prescriptions for diabetes, hypertension, and mental health conditions. The LPN initiated daily blood sugar checks and referred him to a higher-level provider and behavioral health provider (BHP).

On July 13, 2026, an LPN completed Mr. ARENAS Silva's transfer summary, noted his current diagnoses of diabetes, hypertension, and mental health conditions, listed active prescriptions for each diagnosis, which included medications to treat each diagnosis, and cleared him for transfer.

- **At approximately 7:34 a.m. EDT**, during a transfer from ICDC to Folkston D. Ray ICE Processing Center, transportation staff observed Mr. ARENAS Silva to be alert and communicating with staff and other detainees.
- **At approximately 7:46 a.m. EDT**, ICDC staff observed Mr. ARENAS Silva to be unconscious. Staff contacted 911, and the bus was rerouted to Irwin County Hospital (ICH) in Ocilla, GA.
- **At approximately 8:00 a.m.,** Mr. ARENAS Silva arrived at ICH emergency department (ED) unresponsive and pulseless, and the ED staff continued the life-saving measures initiated by ICDC staff.
- **At approximately 8:31 a.m.,** an ICH physician pronounced Mr. ARENAS Silva deceased.