U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)
Detainee Death Report: DIAZ, Victor Manuel

Immigration History

Mr. DIAZ, a 36-year-old male citizen of Nicaragua, was arrested and detained by Enforcement Removal Operations (ERO) St. Paul on January 6, 2026. On January 7, 2026, ERO St. Paul transferred Mr. DIAZ to ERO El Paso. ERO El Paso detained Mr. DIAZ at El Paso Camp East Montana (CEM), in El Paso, TX.

Synopsis of Events

Upon his arrival at CEM, a medical staff member completed Mr. DIAZ's intake screening and documented his denial of tuberculosis, hospitalizations, medical conditions, current medications, self-harm history, suicidal ideation, thoughts of self-harm, hallucinations, delusions, physical and sexual abuse history, and fear of physical or sexual assault.

On January 14, at approximately 7:00 a.m, Mr. DIAZ reported harassment by other detainees to custody staff and was relocated to a medical holding room pending an interview. Medical staff documented his disheveled appearance, depressed mood, flat affect, low speech, face mask use, and denial of suicidal ideation, homicidal ideation, or hallucinations. Mr. DIAZ informed a behavioral health provider of his tuberculosis diagnosis and described the harassment incident as a misunderstanding. Later, he complained of a headache, had normal vital signs, rated his pain eight out of ten, and received ibuprofen.

At approximately 3:25, custody staff found Mr. DIAZ unresponsive with ligature around his neck. Medical staff removed the sheet, placed him on the bed, noted absent and then faint pulse, unreactive pupils, initiated CPR, placed an AED, established intravenous access, and administered epinephrine. At 3:35 p.m., medical staff contacted local EMS. At 3:47 p.m., El Paso County EMS arrived and continued lifesaving efforts. At 4:09 p.m., Mr. DIAZ was pronounced deceased.