



**U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)
Detainee Death Report: HERNANDEZ Diaz, Roylan**

General Demographic/Background Information

- **Date of Birth:** September 25, 1976
- **Date of Death:** October 15, 2019
- **Age:** 43
- **Gender:** Male
- **Country of Citizenship:** Cuba
- **Marital Status:** Single
- **Children:** N/A

Immigration History

- On May 18, 2019, Mr. HERNANDEZ applied for admission at the El Paso, Texas (TX), Paso Del Norte Port of Entry. U.S. Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) served Mr. HERNANDEZ with a Notice and Order of Expedited Removal, Form I-860, based on his inadmissibility under section 212(a)(7)(A)(i)(I) of the Immigration and Nationality Act.
- On May 20, 2019, CBP transferred Mr. HERNANDEZ into ICE Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) custody at the El Paso Service Processing Center in El Paso, TX.
- From May 21 to 23, 2019, Mr. HERNANDEZ was housed at the West Texas Detention Facility (WTDF) in Sierra Blanca, TX, before being transferred to the Tallahatchie County Correctional Facility (TCCF) in Tutwiler, Mississippi (MS). Mr. HERNANDEZ remained at TCCF until his transfer to Richwood Correctional Center (RCC) in Monroe, LA, on June 13, 2019.

Criminal History

- N/A

Medical History

El Paso Service Processing Center, El Paso, TX

- On May 20, 2019, Mr. HERNANDEZ arrived and was processed at the El Paso Service Processing Center before transferring to WTDF.

West Texas Detention Facility, Sierra Blanca, TX

- From May 21 to 22, 2019, ERO housed Mr. HERNANDEZ at WTDF. His intake screening at WTDF was unremarkable, except for his reported history of irritable bowel syndrome (IBS), which was being treated with ondansetron, 4 milligram (mg) tablet, three times a day and lacinex, one tablet each morning. On May 22, 2019, a registered nurse (RN) evaluated Mr. HERNANDEZ in a nursing sick call for abdominal pain, and treated him with acetaminophen 500 mg tablet, one tablet three times a day or as needed for pain; simethicone, two 80 mg tablets, twice a day or as needed for abdominal distention/gas; and sodium bicarbonate, two 650 mg tablets twice a day.

Tallahatchie County Correctional Facility, Tutwiler, MS



- From May 23 to June 12, 2019, ERO housed Mr. HERNANDEZ at TCCF. While at TCCF, his intake screening, mental health evaluation, and physical exam were unremarkable, except for his reported history of IBS. TCCF continued Mr. HERNANDEZ' medications for IBS until he was transferred to RCC on June 13, 2019.

Richwood Correctional Center, Monroe, LA

- **On June 13, 2019:**
 - At 11:05 a.m., an RN evaluated Mr. HERNANDEZ and cleared him for placement in the general population.
 - At 2:05 p.m., an advanced practice provider (APP) completed Mr. HERNANDEZ' mental health screening and documented normal findings, except for a history of physical abuse in Cuba. Mr. HERNANDEZ reportedly refused a mental health referral.
 - At 2:15 p.m., a medical doctor (MD) completed Mr. HERNANDEZ' intake screening and reviewed his accompanying TCCF transfer summary. The transfer summary indicated Mr. HERNANDEZ had IBS as well as recent mumps exposure and ongoing cohort status until June 26, 2019. The summary also stated that Mr. HERNANDEZ was taking dicyclomine (10 milligrams [mg], by mouth, two times daily) and senna glycoside (8.6 mg, two tablets, by mouth, at bedtime). The MD completed Mr. HERNANDEZ' physical exam and documented normal findings except for left lower abdominal tenderness consistent with IBS. The MD continued Mr. HERNANDEZ' medications and cleared him for placement in general population.
- **On June 18, 2019**, Mr. HERNANDEZ submitted a sick call request for abdominal pain unrelieved with his current medications.
- **On June 19, 2019**, an RN attempted to evaluate Mr. HERNANDEZ for his abdominal pain, but he refused the evaluation and refused to sign the refusal of care form. The RN also reported that Mr. HERNANDEZ had refused six consecutive meals and refused his medications for two days.
- **On June 20, 2019**, after Mr. HERNANDEZ was observed to have missed nine consecutive meals, an RN completed Mr. HERNANDEZ' pre-segregation health evaluation prior to placement in administrative segregation for hunger strike monitoring.
- **On June 21, 2019:**
 - An RN evaluated Mr. HERNANDEZ and documented his blood pressure and his pulse. The RN observed Mr. HERNANDEZ drinking two cups of juice and gave him a bottle of Ensure (nutritional supplement).
 - A licensed practical nurse (LPN) evaluated Mr. HERNANDEZ during segregation rounds, including checking his vital signs and weight and collecting a urine specimen for analysis. The LPN documented Mr. HERNANDEZ' intake of an eight-ounce bottle of Ensure, and consumption of 25 – 30 percent of his lunch.
 - An MD evaluated Mr. HERNANDEZ during segregation rounds, documented normal exam findings except for left lower abdominal tenderness, diagnosed Mr. HERNANDEZ with IBS and depression (not suicidal), ordered him a bland diet, and discharged him to general population.
 - An LPN spoke to an APP, who approved Mr. HERNANDEZ to remain in the segregation unit over the weekend for continued food and fluid intake monitoring.
- **On June 23, 2019**, an LPN documented that Mr. HERNANDEZ refused his medications (dicyclomine and senna glycoside) and refused to sign a refusal form.



- **On June 24, 2019**, an MD evaluated Mr. HERNANDEZ for his dietary complaints. The MD documented normal exam findings, except for a high blood pressure (BP) reading of 160/85 mmHg. The MD ordered Mr. HERNANDEZ a bland diet, psyllium fiber powder laxative, and to recheck his BP.
- **On June 30, 2019**, an LPN administered Mr. HERNANDEZ a measles, mumps, and rubella vaccination.
- **On July 5, 2019:**
 - Mr. HERNANDEZ submitted a sick call request for an MD/APP evaluation because he thought the dicyclomine was worsening his symptoms.
 - An MD evaluated Mr. HERNANDEZ and documented the following findings: abdomen soft and non-tender to palpation. The MD diagnosed Mr. HERNANDEZ with “chronic worry about colon cancer and inflamed colon,” discontinued his dicyclomine, and ordered stool testing.
- **On August 6, 2019**, an RN evaluated Mr. HERNANDEZ during sick call for persistent abdominal pain that he rated 7/10 and for his request to change dicyclomine to an alternative treatment. The RN documented normal vital signs and referred Mr. HERNANDEZ to the MD/APP for further evaluation.
- **On August 8, 2019**, an APP evaluated Mr. HERNANDEZ, documented normal findings, diagnosed him with abdominal pain, again ordered stool testing, and scheduled Mr. HERNANDEZ for a follow-up appointment. The stool testing yielded normal results.
- **On August 26, 2019**, an APP completed Mr. HERNANDEZ’ scheduled follow-up visit, documented normal exam findings except for left lower abdominal tenderness, and diagnosed him with chronic IBS. The APP discontinued the senna glycoside medication, ordered pinaverium bromide (one tablet, by mouth, two times daily), instructed Mr. HERNANDEZ to follow up as needed, and recommended a referral to the mental health provider. Mr. HERNANDEZ refused the mental health referral, and the APP instead provided education on stress relieving techniques.
- **On September 4, 2019**, an RN triaged Mr. HERNANDEZ’ sick call request for a mental health consult and submitted a referral to mental health.
- **On September 10, 2019**, an LPN evaluated Mr. HERNANDEZ during sick call for persistent abdominal pain since the discontinuation of his senna glycoside medication, and as a result of his failure to take the pinaverium bromide medication as prescribed. The LPN referred him to the MD/APP for further evaluation.
- **On September 13, 2019**, an MD evaluated Mr. HERNANDEZ for his complaint of persistent abdominal pain. The MD documented normal exam findings and vital signs except for tenderness to the lower half of Mr. HERNANDEZ’ abdomen. The MD diagnosed Mr. HERNANDEZ with chronic constipation and abdominal pain, discontinued the pinaverium bromide medication, and re-prescribed senna glycoside.
- **On September 14, 2019**, Mr. HERNANDEZ refused his mental health appointment and an RN obtained a signed refusal.
- **On October 10, 2019**, an RN completed Mr. HERNANDEZ’ pre-segregation health evaluation for threatening a hunger strike. Mr. HERNANDEZ refused his vital signs and weight assessment. The RN documented a normal physical and mental health assessment, except for a withdrawn emotional state, and cleared Mr. HERNANDEZ for administrative segregation housing placement.



- **On October 11, 2019**, an RN noted Mr. HERNANDEZ refused his vital signs check, did not report any complaints, and did not appear in distress.
- **On October 12, 2019**, an RN documented Mr. HERNANDEZ did not voice any complaints or requests and appeared stable. Security staff confirmed Mr. HERNANDEZ ate dinner the previous night (October 11, 2019) and his morning breakfast.
- **On October 13, 2019**, an RN noted Mr. HERNANDEZ was resting, not in any distress, and responsive to verbal stimuli, but was non-communicative with staff. An unknown author documented Mr. HERNANDEZ refused lunch and dinner on October 12, 2019, and all three meals on October 13, 2019.
- **On October 14, 2019**, an RN documented Mr. HERNANDEZ was awake, alert, oriented, and did not appear in distress. Mr. HERNANDEZ refused his vital signs assessment and refused to sign the hunger strike treatment consent form.

Synopsis of Death

- **On October 15, 2019:**
 - At 12:00 p.m., an RN documented Mr. HERNANDEZ refused his breakfast, lunch, medical assessment, shower, and blood work for laboratory testing. The RN notified ERO and ICE Health Service Corps that Mr. HERNANDEZ had missed 10 consecutive meals.
 - At 1:55 p.m., a security officer completed segregation rounds.
 - At 2:04 p.m., a security captain walked by Mr. HERNANDEZ' cell, smelled an odor, looked through the cell door window, but did not see Mr. HERNANDEZ.
 - At 2:05 p.m., the security captain returned to Mr. HERNANDEZ' cell, opened the door, and found Mr. HERNANDEZ hanging unresponsive from his bunk. Via radio transmission, the captain requested his supervisor and the warden to respond to Mr. HERNANDEZ' cell.
 - At 2:14 p.m., the warden instructed the captain to call for an ambulance and announced a medical emergency. Medical staff responded, found Mr. HERNANDEZ hanging by a sheet, unresponsive, and pulseless.
 - At 2:20 p.m., emergency medical services (EMS) arrived, cut down Mr. HERNANDEZ, and performed vital signs checks and cardiac monitoring. Mr. HERNANDEZ did not have electrical activity in his heart and his vital signs were unobtainable, thus EMS did not initiate CPR.
 - At 2:30 p.m., the Ouachita Parish Sheriff's Department was notified.
 - At 3:09 p.m., the Sheriff's Deputies arrived, completed their investigation, and notified the coroner's office. The deputy coroner arrived and pronounced Mr. HERNANDEZ deceased at an unknown time.