



U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)
Detainee Death Report: SANCHEZ-Castro, Jose Manuel

General Demographic/Background Information

- **Date of Birth:** November 21, 1987
- **Date of Death:** October 27, 2024
- **Age:** 36
- **Gender:** Male
- **Country of Citizenship:** Mexico
- **Marital Status:** N/A
- **Children:** N/A

Immigration History

On September 7, 2009, U.S. Border Patrol (USBP) arrested Mr. SANCHEZ-Castro near Nogales, Arizona, upon his illegal entry into the United States and placed him in expedited removal proceedings.

On September 8, 2009, USBP removed Mr. SANCHEZ-Castro from the United States to Mexico, pursuant to an expedited removal order.

Between April 27, 2011, and January 18, 2018, ICE encountered and removed Mr. SANCHEZ-Castro from the United States to Mexico six more times, following his illegal re-entry into the United States.

On October 22, 2024, ICE arrested SANCHEZ-Castro as part of a targeted enforcement operation and issued him a Notice of Intent to Reinstate Prior Order.

Criminal History

On July 25, 2024, the Yakima City, WA, Police Department arrested SANCHEZ for an outstanding warrant and subsequently released him upon his posting of a bond.

Synopsis of Events

On October 22, 2024, a registered nurse (RN) completed Mr. SANCHEZ-Castro's medical intake screening, documented a right below-the-knee amputation (BKA), pain rated at 5 out of 10, nausea, chills, body aches, and abdominal pain relieved by opioid, and Mr. SANCHEZ-Castro's daily use of opioid pills, positive history of suboxone use, a denied history of drug withdrawal or treatment programs, normal vital signs, except an elevated blood pressure (BP). The RN documented an abnormal exam to include sweating, restlessness, dilated pupils, joint aches, gastrointestinal cramps, nausea, loose stool, tremor, and yawning. The RN contacted an advanced practice provider (APP), who ordered Mr. SANCHEZ-Castro's transfer to the medical housing unit (MHU) for observation; periodic clinical opiate withdrawal scale (COWS) assessments; and prescribed medication with next day follow-up appointment.



On October 23, 2024, a medical doctor (MD) completed Mr. SANCHEZ-Castro's initial health assessment, documented an abnormal exam and COWS assessment, an elevated heart rate, chills, flushing, restlessness, increased pupil size, diffuse aching of joints/muscles, runny nose, three episodes of vomiting and diarrhea, hand tremor, yawning, and an irritable/anxious appearance. The MD documented Mr. SANCHEZ-Castro's assessment findings as opioid dependence with withdrawal, phantom limb pain/restless leg syndrome, surgical history of right BKA, and right pelvic/hip, femur, and right arm fractures from a 2022 motorcycle accident. The MD ordered medication, routine blood tests and magnesium levels, with disposition to remain in MHU for continued care/observation with daily follow up.

- **On the same date**, RNs completed five MHU rounds and documented COWS assessments, unchanged symptoms, and normal vital signs, except an elevated respiratory rate on one occasion.

On October 24, 2024, an APP evaluated Mr. SANCHEZ-Castro and documented a COWS assessment, normal vital signs, and continued nausea, vomiting, and muscle pain. The APP ordered medication and noted that Mr. SANCHEZ-Castro reported he felt better today.

- **On the same date, at approximately 3:38 p.m.**, a behavioral health provider (BHP) conducted Mr. SANCHEZ-Castro's wellness check and evaluated his suicidality, using the Columbia Suicide Severity Rating Scale (suicide screening tool). The BHP documented negative findings, Mr. SANCHEZ-Castro's refusal of mental health services, and instructed him to submit a sick call request if he needed mental health services.
- **On the same date**, RNs completed five MHU rounds and documented COWS assessments, normal exams and vital signs, unchanged symptoms, three episodes of vomiting, diarrhea, and Mr. SANCHEZ-Castro's inability to keep fluids in after drinking.

On October 25, 2024, an APP evaluated Mr. SANCHEZ-Castro and documented a COWS assessment, significant pain and vomiting throughout the night, his tired and lethargic appearance, difficulty answering questions, a normal exam and vital signs, except for pain-related discomfort. The APP discontinued some medications and ordered new ones to be administered as needed.

- **On the same date**, RNs completed six MHU rounds and documented COWS assessments, normal exams and vital signs, unchanged symptoms, continued episodes of vomiting, diarrhea, gooseflesh skin, and noted during one round, an MHU GEO officer stated Mr. SANCHEZ-Castro was shaking and moaning while sleeping. On multiple occasions during the rounds, RN staff instructed Mr. SANCHEZ-Castro to drink plenty of water, at least eight to ten cups of water per day to maintain hydration and eat meals to maintain general health. Nursing staff also noted Mr. SANCHEZ-Castro voiced no new or further concerns or questions.

On October 26, 2024, an APP evaluated Mr. SANCHEZ-Castro and documented a COWS assessment, normal vital signs and exam, except vomiting, tight clenched hands with pain upon extension, bilateral hand and finger pain, and spasms for 24 hours. The APP discontinued medication due to a suspected side effect, ordered a new regimen, and noted a plan to monitor for symptom improvement.



- **On the same date**, RNs completed six MHU rounds, documented normal vital signs, and Mr. SANCHEZ-Castro's disheveled/unkept appearance, bilateral hand cramps, joint aches, restlessness, upper and lower extremity weakness, nausea, vomiting, dizziness, abdominal pain, chills and flushing, dilated pupils, fatigue, nasal congestion, tearing eyes, and gooseflesh skin.

On October 27, 2024, at 12:02 a.m. and 4:20 a.m., an RN evaluated Mr. SANCHEZ-Castro during two MHU rounds and documented unchanged exam and symptoms, generalized, moderate bilateral upper and lower extremity weakness, and normal vital signs, except one elevated heart rate.

- **At approximately 6:58 a.m.**, the MHU GEO officer discovered Mr. SANCHEZ-Castro unresponsive on the ground, beside a large area of vomitus, alerted the medical staff, and initiated cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). The responding RN called for additional medical staff.
- **At approximately 7:04 a.m.**, an RN noted Mr. SANCHEZ-Castro lacked a pulse and was not breathing, requested emergency medical services (EMS) and an automated external defibrillator (AED), and continued CPR. Responding medical staff delivered several rounds of chest compressions, provided oxygenation via bag-valve mask, and followed the AED prompts.
- **At approximately 7:15 a.m.**, EMS arrived and assumed Mr. SANCHEZ-Castro's care.
- **At approximately 7:34 a.m.**, the on-call emergency doctor at Good Samaritan Hospital, in Puyallup, WA, in consultation with EMS, telephonically pronounced Mr. SANCHEZ-Castro deceased.