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# CBP Statement Regarding Death in Custody in South Texas

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On July 6, 2020, U.S. Border Patrol agents assigned to Laredo Sector were working their assigned duties at a remote ranch when they were alerted by a male subject who advised the agent that his friend, a 28 year-old male subject, was in distress. Upon locating the subject and discovering him in distress, agents immediately began to render first aid and called for emergency medical services. The subject was transported by ambulance to a local hospital. Despite the medical staff's best efforts over the course of several days, the subject passed away.

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