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# CBP Statement on Death in Custody

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On Friday, Dec. 20, CBP Officers at the Hidalgo Port of Entry made a determination that a 42-year-old male Mexican citizen violated immigration law by falsely claiming to be a US Citizen. As a result, he was arrested and processed for Expedited Removal and was held for criminal prosecution. The individual passed away at the East Hidalgo Detention Center on **Dec. 21, 2019** (calendar:T2:Dec.%2021,%202019). According to initial reports, the cause of death is suspected to be the result of suicide. The incident remains under investigation by La Villa Police Department, and CBP’s Office of Professional Responsibility.

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