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On November 1, 2009 at approximately 6:22 p.m., officers responded to the 500 block of N. 14th street in reference to a fight call involving two roommates one of which was allegedly armed with a knife. Officers arrived and came into contact with one of the combatants who has been identified as Daniel Morantes age 47. Morantes became combative with officers and displayed erratic behavior, by screaming and yelling. As a result of Morantes' erratic behavior, officers subdued Morantes and requested immediate medical response, as a result of his behavior. After the arrival of paramedics Morantes had stopped breathing. Morantes was transported to Sunrise Medical Center where he was pronounced deceased a short time later.

Homicide detectives were contacted and have begun a preliminary investigation into this incident. There are no immediate signs as to the cause of death either from the fight that originated the call or from the officers taking Morantes into custody. The investigation is waiting on a finding from the Clark County Coroners office to determine cause of death. A photo of Morantes is not available.