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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number: 16-21-C

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Report Date: 12/19/2016 10:59
AM

Status: Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name: Houston Police
Dept.

Agency Address: 1200 Travis, 16th
Floor

Agency City: Houston

Agency State: TX

Agency Zip: 77002

Director Information

Director Salutation: Chief

Director First Name: Art

Director Middle Name:

Director Last Name: Acevedo

Reporter Name: Art Acevedo

Reporter Email: richard.kleczynski@houstonpolice.org

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Redrick

Middle Name: Jevon

Last Name: Batiste

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 1/23/1979

Sex: Male

Race: Black or African
American

Age At Time Of Death: 37

Date/Time of Custody (arrest, incarceration) (mm/dd/yyyy hh:mm AM/PM):

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 12/7/2016 11:25
AM

Date/Time of Death (mm/dd/yyyy hh:mm AM/PM):

Death Date and Time: 12/7/2016 11:54
AM

Manner / Cause of Death

Has a medical examiner or coroner conducted an evaluation to determine a cause of death?

Medical Examiner/Coroner Evaluation?: Yes, results are
available

What was the manner of death? (select only one)

Homicide (includes

Manner of Death: Justifiable
Homicide)

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Gunshot wounds of torso, right buttock and left thigh

Had the decedent been receiving treatment for the medical condition that caused the death after admission to your jail's jurisdiction?

Medical Treatment: Not Applicable

If death was an accident, homicide or suicide, who caused the death?

Who caused the death?: Law
enforcement/correctional
personnel

If a weapon caused the death, what type of weapon caused the death? (Hold CTRL to select all that apply)

Type of weapon that caused
death?: Rifle/shotgun

Was the cause of death the result of a pre-existing medical condition or did the decedent develop the condition after admission?

Pre existing medical
condition?: Not Applicable;
cause of death was
accidental injury,
intoxication, suicide
or homicide

If death was an accident, homicide or suicide, what was the means of death?

Means of Death: Firearm

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address: 16250 Imperial Valley

City: Houston

County: Harris

Zip: 77060

What location category best describes where the event causing the death occurred?

Location Category: Parking lot/garage

What type of custody/facility was the Decedent in at the time of death:

Type of Custody: Police Custody
(pre-booking)

Specific type of custody/facility:

Specific Type of Custody/Facility:

Custody of Law Enforcement Personnel during/fleeing arrest

What was the time and date of the deceased's entry into the law enforcement facility where the death occurred (mm/dd/yyyy hh:mm AM/PM):

Entry Date Time:

Entry Date Time N/A: ☒

Where did the death occur?

Death Location: Medical facility

General Information

Did any other law enforcement agencies respond to calls for service related to this incident?

Other Agencies Respond?: No

What were the most serious offense(s) with which the deceased was (or would have been) charged with at the time of death?

Offense 1:

Capital Murder

Offense 2:

Aggravated Robbery

Offense 3:

Were the Charges:: Not filed at time of death

What were the types of charges or reason for contact? (Hold CTRL to select all that apply)

Type of Offense: Violent Crime
Against Persons

At any time during the incident and/or entry into the law enforcement facility, did the decedent display or use a weapon?

Decedent display/use of weapons: Yes, mark all that apply

Decedent Display or Use Weapon Details: Discharged firearm

At any time during the incident and/or entry into the law enforcement facility, did the decedent:

Attempt to Injure Others?: No

At any time during the incident and/or entry into the law enforcement facility, did the decedent:

Appear intoxicated (alcohol or drugs): No

Make suicidal statements?: No

Exhibit any mental health problems?: No

Exhibit any medical problems?: No

At any time during the incident and/or entry into the law enforcement facility, did the decedent:

Barricade self or initiate standoff?: No

Resist being handcuffed or arrested?: No

Physically attempt/assault officer(s): No

Gain possession of officer's weapon: No

Verbally threaten other(s) including law: No

Escape or attempt to escape/flee custody: No

Attempt gain possession officer's weapon: No

Was the deceased under restraint in the time leading up to the death or the events causing the death?

Under Restraint: No

Summary of Incident

Summary of How the Death Occurred: (max. 30,000 characters)

Summary:

On Wednesday, December 7, 2016, officers assigned to the Houston Police Department's Homicide Division, Robbery Division, North Patrol Division, SWAT, and FBI Special Agents were conducting a long term investigation into a group of identified suspects who had been responsible for multiple capital murders and aggravated robberies of armored truck couriers. Intelligence from the investigation revealed that the suspects would attempt to rob an armored truck on this date at the Amegy Bank, located at 400 North Sam Houston Parkway East. SWAT officers tactically set up positions to conduct surveillance and to make arrests when the arrest signal is given. At approximately 11:30 a.m., officers observed a black Jeep Cherokee, occupied by Suspect Redrick J. Batiste, in the parking lot of an apartment complex at 16250 Imperial Valley. Officers knew that Batiste's position was to shoot at the armored truck guard when the guard deposited money into the Amegy Bank ATM across the bayou, located at 400 North Sam Houston Parkway East. Once officers were in position and the arrest signal was given, Officer J. Salazar, assigned to SWAT, and his team approached Batiste's position in three separate vehicles: a black SUV, a white truck, and a marked police vehicle. Officer Salazar was in the front right seat of the white truck and he was wearing tactical uniform that clearly identified

him as a police officer. Officer Salazar exited the truck and used the front of the truck for cover. He slowly moved toward Batiste's vehicle but Batiste quickly exited his car from the driver seat, armed with an AR-15 assault rifle. Batiste's assault rifle was affixed with a Nikon scope and loaded with twenty-eight LC 14 .223 rounds in the magazine. Batiste discharged his weapon two times with his AR-15 at Officer Salazar and the arrest team. Officer Salazar returned fire by discharging his weapon ten times, striking Batiste three times. Upon learning that Batiste was injured from the gunshot wounds, EMS was called and tactical medics on the scene immediately rendered aid to Batiste. He was transported to Ben Taub Hospital, but died shortly thereafter.