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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number: 17-171-C

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Report Date: 4/5/2017 11:44 AM

Status: Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name: Bandera County
Sheriff's Dept.

Agency Address: PO BOX 563

Agency City: Bandera

Agency State: TX

Agency Zip: 78003

Director Information

Director Salutation: Sheriff

Director First Name: Daniel

Director Middle Name:

Director Last Name: Butts

Reporter Name: Daniel Butts

Reporter Email: sheriff@banderacounty.org

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Michael

Middle Name: William

Last Name: Sanders

Suffix: Mr.

Date of Birth: 3/22/1969

Sex: Female

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 47

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

Date/Time of Custody or
Incident: 3/16/2017 8:44 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 3/16/2017 8:49 PM

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)

Manner of Death: Homicide (includes
Justifiable
Homicide)

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Gunshot wounds of head and abdomen

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?: Handgun

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: 1070 Rio Ranchero

City: Pipe Creek

County: Bandera

Zip: 78063

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

Location Category: Field/woods/lake/waterway/beach

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: Scene of incident

General Information

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

Other Agencies Respond?: Yes

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:

Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon on a Public Servant

Offense 2:

Assault - Bodily Injury

Offense 3:

Criminal Trespass

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: Other, specify

Type of Offense, Other:

Criminal Trespass and Domestic Dispute

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: Used other weapon, specify:

Specify Weapon Used:

Knife

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

Attempt to Injure Others?: Yes (select all that apply)

Ways Decedent Attempted To Injure Others: Attempted to injure law enforcement personnel

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?:	Yes
Physically attempt/assault officer(s):	Yes	Gain possession of officer's weapon:	No
Verbally threaten other(s) including law:	Yes	Escape or attempt to escape/flee custody:	Yes
Attempt gain possession officer's weapon:	Yes		

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 March 16, 2017 at about 2036 hours Bandera County Sheriff's Deputy Corey Bolt was dispatched to 1070 Rio Ranchero in the Pipe Creek Area of Bandera County, Texas.

The request for assistance was made by the resident of that address, Vivian Robertson, who reported that her adult son, Michael Sanders, was banging on the door to her residence and attempting to gain forcible

entry.

After Deputy Bolt arrived at the location Michael Sanders advanced towards him in an aggressive manner, Bolt deployed his Tazer on Sanders with little or no affect.

Bolt gave Sanders several commands to stop advancing, Sanders then produced a knife and continued to charge at Deputy Bolt. Bolt continued to give Sanders commands to stop advancing and to drop the knife.

Deputy Bolt felt his life was in danger and feared for his safety and discharged his duty issued weapon striking Sanders twice, one center mass chest area and once more on the forehead upper left temple area which incapacitated Sanders. Sanders died at the scene a short time later.