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ATTORNEY GENERAL *of* TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

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AM

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Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name: Texas Department
Of Public Safety

Agency Address: PO BOX 4087

Agency City: Austin

Agency State: TX

Agency Zip: 78773

Director Information

Director Salutation: Director

Director First Name: Steven

Director Middle Name:

Director Last Name: McCraw

Reporter Name: Joanne
Scarborough

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Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Adrian

Middle Name: Marcelle

Last Name: Hardeman

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 3/11/1980

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: 6/5/2017 3:09 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 6/5/2017 8:06 PM

Manner / Cause of Death

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

Medical Examiner/Coroner Yes, results
Evaluation?: pending

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/pending autopsy results

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

Medical Treatment: Unknown

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: 6173 Highway 90A

City: Gonzales

County: Gonzales

Zip: 78629

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: Pre-Custodial Use
of Force

Specific type of custody/facility:

Specific Type of Custody/Facility:

N/A

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:

Unsafe Speed Traffic Crash

Offense 2:

Aggravated Assault on a Peace Officer

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: Other, specify

Type of Offense, Other:

Investigation Traffic Crash

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: Displayed firearm without discharge

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?: No

Physically attempt/assault officer(s): Yes

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 Monday, June 5th, 2017, Texas Department of Public Safety Troopers responded to a one vehicle rollover crash on US90A and County Road 364 in Gonzales County. While conducting the investigation Troopers

discovered that the driver had left the scene on foot. Troopers were advised by a civilian that the driver had asked him for a ride. The civilian advised the driver that it was a company truck and he could not give him a ride. The civilian advised the Troopers that the subject had walked onto private property about a quarter mile towards Gonzales and was sitting under a tree by a farm shed. He directed the Troopers to that location. Upon arrival to that location Troopers observed a black male sitting under a tree by a metal structural building located approximately 50 plus yards from Highway US 90A. Two Troopers walking in on foot toward the male sitting under the tree, while the Sergeant drove in in an unmarked car. The Sergeant pulled up and parked approximately 15 feet to the right of the male. The two Troopers continued to approach the male from the front. When the Troopers were about approximately twenty five feet from male sitting under the tree, the male suspect drew a black handgun and pointed it at the Troopers who were approaching him. The Sergeant exited the car observing the suspect pointing the firearm toward the approaching Troopers and drew his service weapon. The Troopers immediately reacted drawing their service weapons and began discharging them at the suspect ordering him to drop the gun. The suspect was hit numerous times by the gun fire and was later pronounced dead at the scene. No other injuries were sustained as a result of the incident.