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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number: 17-444-C

Version Type: AMENDED

Report Date: 8/31/2017 1:25 PM

Status: Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name: Texarkana Police
Dept.

Agency Address: 101 North Stateline
Ave.

Agency City: Texarkana

Agency State: TX

Agency Zip: 75501

Director Information

Director Salutation: Chief

Director First Name: Daniel

Director Middle Name:

Director Last Name: Shiner

Reporter Name: Warren Smith

Reporter Email: smith@txkusa.org

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Andrew

Middle Name: Tyrell Keivon

Last Name: Robinson

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 4/8/1997

Sex: Male

Race: Black or African
American

Age At Time Of Death: 20

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

Date/Time of Custody or
Incident: 8/6/2017 3:28 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 8/6/2017 3:52 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)

Manner of Death: Suicide

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Stab Wounds of the Torso

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?: Decedent

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?: Knife/edged instrument

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: Knife / edged instrument

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address: 3900 New Boston
Road

City: Texarkana

County: Bowie

Zip: 75501

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

Location Category: Roadway/highway/street/sidewalk

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 subsequent to 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?: 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 Robbery

Offense 2:

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:

Emergency Detention

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 other weapon, specify:

Specify Weapon Displayed:

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 civilian(s) or other inmate(s)

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

Appear intoxicated (alcohol or drugs): Yes

Make suicidal statements?: Unknown

Exhibit any mental health problems?: Yes

Exhibit any medical problems?: Unknown

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): No

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: No

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

Under Restraint: Yes, mark which restraint devices were used

Type of restraint

Type of Restraint: Handcuffs

Summary of Incident

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

Summary:

On 08/06/17, I was assigned to this case as a follow up investigation.

On 08/06/17 at approximately 0408hrs, Lt. Weaver notified me of a suicide at 4000 New Boston Rd. (Walmart). According to call notes from dispatch records, it was advised to Officers that a naked man was "playing with himself" by the garden center and "walking back and forth". Dispatch also advised that the subject, later identified as the victim (Andrew Tyrell Keivon Robinson B/M 04/08/1997), had "a couple of knives on his person, somewhere" and he had put black shorts on but was then "pulling them back off". They advised that the victim had previously been on a motorcycle.

The RP (reporting person-Desire Rafferty) advised that the suspect had tried to "attack her employee earlier". The victim then ran into the middle of the Walmart parking lot, as the RP observed him "running around in circles". TTPD patrol unit 265 (Officer Shaddix) arrived on scene and observed the victim, standing in the parking lot of Walmart. Officer Shaddix ordered the victim to walk towards him and he noticed that the victim was holding a knife. Officer Shaddix ordered the victim to drop the knife and the victim complied with his command. The subject then picked the knife back up and starting walking around. Officer Shaddix ordered the victim to drop the knife but the victim refused to comply with his commands, as he walked towards Officer Shaddix. There was enough distance between the victim and Officer Shaddix so he didn't feel like there was enough of a threat to warrant any deadly force.

The victim then fled on foot, as he headed east, towards North Bishop. The victim was then observed running back west, towards the underpass of Loop 151 (Jarvis Parkway), approaching Sowell Lane. Officer Shaddix advised dispatch that he observed that the victim was "cutting himself" and he could "see blood on his stomach", as he observed the victim making "short, thrusting motions". Other TTPD units arrived on scene to assist Officer Shaddix. The victim then ran towards a civilian's vehicle and attempted to gain entry into the vehicle. At this point, K-9 Officer Tirone deployed his dog "Argus" and the dog was able to bite the suspect in his left buttock's area. Officer Shaddix advised that he didn't observe a knife in the victim's hand at this point. Officer Shaddix then ran towards the subject and was able to tackle him. Officers were then able to detain the victim in handcuffs. Officer Shaddix noticed that the victim was bleeding "badly" but the victim was still trying to move around, which made it difficult to assess his injuries. Officer Cody Harris arrived on scene and attempted to provide medical attention by applying two chest seals to his abdominal and chest area, where they had observed puncture wounds.

Lifenet medics arrived on scene and transported the victim to Saint Michaels Hospital, for treatment and evaluation. An EKG strip was ran on the victim, with a timestamp of 0353hrs. The victim was pronounced deceased, once he arrived at the hospital. Crime Scene Officer Sullivan arrived on scene and collected the knives and Walmart video footage. Officer Shaddix observed the knife matched the same knife, which he had previously observed in the victim's hands.

Judge Talley arrived on scene and pronounced the victim deceased. Judge Talley then signed and provided two copies of an Order For Autopsy and Release of Medical Records. Hill's Transport then arrived on scene and transported the body to the SWIFS (Southwest Institute of Forensic Sciences) in Dallas, for an autopsy.

I called SWIFS and spoke with an intake officer (Krista Coryell). I advised her of the details, surrounding the victim's death. The officer provided me with an IFS number of (17-13962).

Lt. Weaver and I attempted to speak with someone at the victim's residence, to notify someone of the victim's death. We were unable to speak with anyone at the location. After researching Trans Union (TLO) records, I was able to locate a valid phone number for the victim's dad (Noratee Johnson 903 691-3022). I spoke with Johnson, via phone and advised him about the victim's death. Johnson advised me that nobody else was supposed to be at the residence.

On 08/07/17, Johnson and the victim's mother (Benita Johnson) came to BSJC and spoke with me in CID. Detective Evans and I spoke with the victim's parents, in a recorded interview. The parents advised me that the victim had recently separated with his girlfriend (DeJianna King B/F 903 244-4476). They also informed me that King had come to their residence on 08/07/17, after the victim's death, to check on them but they told her to leave. I located King in Odyssey with a date of birth of (03/26/1998). I called the victim and left her a message. King had two phone numbers listed in Odyssey records, which weren't working. King has an address in Odyssey records of 608 Witt Lane Texarkana, TX.

The victim's parents further advised me that the victim smoked marijuana. The victim's mother mentions the word "thetic", which we were later able to clarify as K-2 synthetic marijuana. They advised me that although the victim smoked marijuana, they weren't for sure if the smoked K-2. The victim's dad was able to provide the victim's Metro PCS cell phone and I placed it into property as evidence, via CSA Sullivan. The victim's dad informed me that he had located the phone, lying in the yard, next to the mailbox of their residence.

I viewed video footage of different Officer's body cameras and dash cam video. While viewing Officer Shaddix's body camera footage, I could see something shiny in the victim's left hand, as Officer Shaddix was

giving him verbal commands to “drop the knife”. This video footage shows the shiny object at the timestamp of 1.40 minutes into the video. I was also able to view Officer Tirone’s dash cam video, which shows the victim running in front of his patrol unit. I could see a shiny object in one of the victim’s hands, while he was running in front of Officer Tirone’s unit.

CSA Sullivan provided me with a property report, which contained recovered items listed on it. The items were a (blue T-shirt, black handled kitchen knife, brown handled kitchen knife and one CD-compact disc of Walmart video footage). He also provided me with fingerprint cards, which he had collected from the victim and compared to the victim’s known prints on record. All of the forms were scanned into Odyssey.

On 08/08/17, Dr. Gwin (Medical Examiner with SWIFS) left me a voicemail, advising that he wasn’t going to make a ruling on the cause of death or what caused the death, until he was able to view video footage from the incident.

Video footage of Officer Shaddix’s patrol unit and body cam, along with video footage of the victim’s actions in the Walmart parking lot, were all mailed to SWIFS, at the request of the M.E. (Medical Examiner- Dr. Gwin).

On 08/10/17, the M.E. spoke with me, via phone and advised me that the cause of death was “stab wounds of the torso” with the manner of death listed as “suicide”.

On 08/11/17, the case cleared by exception.