



KEN PAXTON

ATTORNEY GENERAL *of* TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number: 17-471-UF

Version Type: ORIGINAL
VERSION

Report Date: 9/13/2017 9:54 AM

Status: Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name: Pearland Police
Dept.

Agency Address: 2555 Cullen Pkwy.

Agency City: Pearland

Agency State: TX

Agency Zip: 77581

Director Information

Director Salutation: Captain

Director First Name: Thomas

Director Middle Name:

Director Last Name: Moncrief

Reporter Name: Thomas Moncrief

Reporter Email: tmoncrief@pearlandtx.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Lester

Middle Name: Wallace

Last Name: Colbert

Suffix: Jr

Date of Birth: 10/26/1980

Sex: Male

Race: Black or African
American

Age At Time Of Death: 36

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

Date/Time of Custody or
Incident: 8/19/2017 9:00 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 8/19/2017 7:00 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: Suicide

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Self inflicted gunshot wound to the right side of the head

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?: 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?: 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: 3322 Orchard Mill
Ln

City: Pearland

County: Brazoria

Zip: 77584

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

Location Category: Residence/Home

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:

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

Offense 2:

Offense 3:

Were the Charges:: Filed

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?: 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): Unknown

Make suicidal statements?: No

Exhibit any mental health problems?: Unknown

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?: Yes

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: Yes

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 19 August, 2017, at approximately 0922 hours, Officers were dispatched to 3322 Orchard Mills Ln, in reference to a weapons incident where a male was shooting a pistol inside and outside of the home. The incident began when the wife of suspect, told the decedent that she wanted a divorce. The decedent became angry with his wife and retrieved a revolver from inside of the master bedroom.

Upon seeing the revolver, the decedent's wife called her brother who was sleeping inside of the garage for help. The decedent's wife gathered up her three children from inside of the home and walked out of the door to the driveway where she met up with her brother. The decedent then came to the doorway of the home and pointed the revolver at the group and fired two rounds towards his wife and one round towards her brother. The decedent then made a statement for the family to get off of the property and was last seen walking back towards the home with the revolver.

The decedent then barricaded himself into the home and refused all attempts at contact by police negotiators and tactical team members. After several hours, entry was made into the home by tactical team members and the decedent was found in the upstairs media room with a single, self-inflicted, gunshot wound to the right temple area of the head. In the decedent's lap was found a .22 caliber revolver.

