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ATTORNEY GENERAL *of* TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number: 18-1172-C

Version Type: AMENDED

Report Date: 7/26/2019 7:53 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: Kimberly Fowler

Reporter Email: kimberly.fowler@houstonpolice.org

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Kent

Middle Name: Jackson

Last Name: Griffin

Suffix: Mr.

Date of Birth: 12/17/1961

Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 56

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 11/22/2018 6:55 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 11/22/2018 7:37 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:

Cardiac dysrhythmia associated with hypertensive cardiovascular disease and toxic effects of methamphetamine during physical restraint.

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?: Unknown whether
decedent sustained
a fatal injury

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?: Not Applicable

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: Unknown

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address: 9570 Southwest
Frwy.

City: Houston

County: Harris

Zip: 77074

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:

Hospital/Infirmary

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:

Assault-Class A

Offense 2:

Criminal Mischief

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;
Alcohol / drug
offense; Other,
specify; Crime
Against Property

Type of Offense, Other:

Discharging Firearm

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: No

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):	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:	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 Thursday, November 22, 2018 at approximately 6:55 p.m., Officer M. C. Childress, Officer C. Pocasangre, and Officer J. L. Brennan, all assigned to the Patrol Region 3 Command, Westside, were dispatched to a "Criminal Mischief In-Progress" at the Whataburger restaurant located at 9517 Bissonet Street.

Employees of the business reported an older white male entered the business, naked from the waist down, and began destroying the inside of the restaurant. The erratic suspect, later identified as Kent Griffin, assaulted a Whataburger employee before fleeing the restaurant on foot.

Responding patrol officers eventually located Mr. Griffin in the parking lot of the Westwood Mall located at 9570 Southwest Freeway. Mr. Griffin was now completely naked and non-compliant with Officers' verbal commands to surrender. After pleading with him to cooperate, Mr. Griffin fled on foot, but was quickly captured in the parking lot by officers. While being handcuffed, Mr. Griffin continued to physically struggle and resist arrest.

After being taken into custody and escorted toward a patrol vehicle, Mr. Griffin was again uncooperative and stumbled to the ground, hitting his head on the pavement. He continued to struggle and then became unresponsive, so he was transported by Houston Fire Department personnel to Southwest Memorial Hospital, wherein he was pronounced deceased by doctors at 7:37 p.m.

The medical examiner's preliminary toxicology test revealed Mr. Griffin was under the influence of methamphetamines and amphetamines at the time of this incident.