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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

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Report Date: 11/28/2018 8:22
AM

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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: Christopher

Middle Name: Timothy

Last Name: Carroll

Suffix: Mr.

Date of Birth: 2/5/1988

Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 30

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 10/22/2018 1:35 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 10/27/2018 2:06 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: Homicide (includes Justifiable

Homicide)

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Penetrating gunshot wound of torso with perforations of heart, lung and aorta

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: 2811 Eagle Creek

City: Houston

County: Harris

Zip: 77345

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: 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: 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:

Aggravated Assault on Peach Officer

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: Medical / Mental
Health assistance
call

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:

Yes (select all that

Attempt to Injure Others?: 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): Yes

Make suicidal statements?: Unknown

Exhibit any mental health problems?: Yes

Exhibit any medical problems?: Yes

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?: 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: 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 Saturday October 27, 2018 at approximately 12:42 a.m. Houston Police Officers assigned to the Kingwood Patrol Division were dispatched to 2598 Rustic Woods Drive in reference to an Urgent Welfare Check/CIT call. The reportee, and employee of the U. S. Department Veterans Affairs Crisis Hotline, contacted police when he became concerned about a suicidal crisis hotline caller, later identified as Christopher Carroll, who had cut himself and was now armed with a handgun. Kingwood Patrol Officers proceeded to this location, but were unable to locate the individual as the location was only the approximate

GPS coordinates of the caller.

Kingwood Patrol Officers were able to identify a possible address of 14 New Greens Court, as it was linked to the crisis hotline caller's phone number, and proceeded to the residence. Kingwood Patrol Officers made contact with the homeowner, Mrs. Melissa Kane, who informed officers her son-in-law, Christopher Carroll, was currently experiencing a mental health crisis. Mrs. Kane explained Mr. Carroll was at this residence, 2811 Eagle Creek Drive, and her husband, Michael Kane, had gone to his home to help calm him down. While speaking with officers, Mrs. Kane was on the phone with her husband and confirmed her son-in-law and cut himself with a knife and was armed with a gun. On scene officers notified all other responding units of the developments and requested Houston Fire Department medical personnel begin responding to 2811 Eagle Creek Drive as they proceeded to the residence.

Kingwood Patrol Officer S. Dalton, Officer K. McGruder, Officer E. Hines, Sergeant M. Waggoner, and Sergeant E. Pavel, all arrived at the residence a short period of time later. Upon arrival, officers approached the front door of the residence and made contact with Michael Kane, who identified himself as the father-in-law of Christopher Carroll. Mr. Kane confirmed his son-in-law had cut himself with a knife and was armed with a gun. On scene officers notified all other responding units of the developments and requested Houston Fire Department medical personnel begin responding to 2811 Eagle Creek Drive as they proceeded to the residence.

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While standing in the driveway of the residence, Sergeant Waggoner heard a noise that was consistent with a door closing or opening. The noise came from behind the home in the gated portion of the back yard which leads to a detached garage. Sergeant Waggoner attempted to look into the backyard of the home, but the high fence and low lighting restricted his vision. At this point, Sergeant Waggoner and Officer Dalton entered the backyard through the walk-through gate while calling out to Mr. Carroll. They searched the backyard and the detached garage where they believed Mr. Carroll has entered. After clearing the detached garage, Sergeant Waggoner and Officer Dalton exited the walk-through garage door they had entered.

As Sergeant Waggoner was exiting the garage, he observed Mr. Carroll lying in a prone position in the bushes adjacent to the exterior wall of the detached garage. Mr. Carroll was naked, had a handgun in his hand, and was pointing the firearm in the direction of Sergeant Waggoner. Sergeant Waggoner and Officer Dalton took cover behind limited available spaces in the back yard and began giving verbal commands for Mr. Carroll to 'drop the gun.' Sergeant Pavel heard the commotion occurring in the backyard of the residence and ran to assist Sergeant Waggoner and Officer Dalton. Sergeant Waggoner, Officer Dalton, and Sergeant Pavel spoke with Mr. Carroll for several minutes while attempting to deescalate the situation. They stated multiple times for Mr. Carroll to 'drop the gun' and attempted to get him to surrender. Mr. Carroll informed the officers he had the "drop" on them while they were searching for him and could have shot them at any time. Mr. Carroll stated he had pointed his gun at the officers during their search and would use his firearm if he felt threatened.

During the interaction with Mr. Carroll, officers were able to convince him to stand up from his hiding position in the bushes and move slightly out of the bushes. Mr. Carroll then placed the gun on the top rail of a small fence surrounding an area behind the detached garage. This prompted Officer Dalton to move into the grassy area of the backyard for a better view while continuing to give verbal commands to move him away from the weapon. Mr. Carroll refused to comply with any of the officers' instruction and eventually picked the gun up from the fence with his left hand before pointing it in the direction of Officer Dalton. Officer Dalton believed Mr. Carroll intended to inflict serious bodily injury or death upon him, via the firearm in his possession, and discharged his duty weapon one time. Mr. Carroll was struck in the chest by the firearm and immediately collapsed to the ground. Officer Dalton removed the handgun from his possession while nearby Houston Fire Department medical personnel on standby responded to the scene to render medical aid. Mr. Carroll was transported to Lyndon B. Johnson hospital where he was later pronounced deceased.

Mr. Carroll's mental health history was checked by the Houston Police Department's Mental Health Unit and determined to have no previous contacts with police related to his mental health. Further investigation into Mr. Carroll's mental health is to follow as on scene family members indicated he suffers from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder related to his service in the United States Army. Family members stated Mr. Carroll received

psychological treatment from the US Department of Veterans Affairs and had met with psychologist only hours before this incident.