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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number: 18-1428-UF

Version Type: ORIGINAL
VERSION

Report Date: 12/19/2024 9:20
AM

Status: Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name: Denton Police Dept.

Agency Address: 601 E. Hickory,
Suite E

Agency City: Denton

Agency State: TX

Agency Zip: 76205

Director Information

Director Salutation: Chief

Director First Name: Warren

Director Middle Name:

Director Last Name: Howell

Reporter Name: Michael McIntire

Reporter Email: michael.mcintire@cityofdenton.com

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Lawrence

Middle Name: Edward

Last Name: Shaw

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 12/13/1972

Sex: Male

Race: Black or African
American

Age At Time Of Death: 45

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

Date/Time of Custody or
Incident: 2/19/2018 1:35 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 2/19/2018 3:12 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)

Homicide (includes

Manner of Death: Justifiable
Homicide)

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Gunshot wound of chest

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

Medical Treatment: No

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: 2100 Spencer Rd

City: Denton

County: Denton

Zip: 76205

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:

Aggravated Assault against Public Servant

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: 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: 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 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): Unknown

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?: No

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: No

Summary of Incident

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

Summary:

The primary officer and an officer in Field Training were sitting in a parking lot working on a report. The suspect approached the vehicle yelling that he was going to kill a cop. The officers exited the vehicle and

drew their service weapon when they observed the suspect with a knife in their hand. The suspect then moved away from officers into a field lined with trees. The officer yelled commands for the suspect to drop the weapon and get on the ground. Commands were ignored and the suspect entered the tree line. The suspect came back out of the tree line and advanced on the officers with the knife. A TASER was deployed but the suspect cut the wires and continued advancing on officers. A second TASER cartridge was deployed with no effect and the suspect continued to approach officers while swinging the knife around. One officer fired their service weapon striking and stopping the suspect.