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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number: 18-183-C

Version Type: AMENDED

Report Date: 9/17/2018 10:50
AM

Status: Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name: Harris County
Sheriff's Dept.

Agency Address: 1200 Baker Street

Agency City: Houston

Agency State: TX

Agency Zip: 77002

Director Information

Director Salutation: Sheriff

Director First Name: Ed

Director Middle Name:

Director Last Name: Gonzalez

Reporter Name: Jeffery Vickery

Reporter Email: jeffery.vickery@sheriff.hctx.net

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Douglas

Middle Name: John

Last Name: Svatek

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 12/26/1959

Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 58

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 3/19/2018 12:47 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 3/19/2018 12:58 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:

Shotgun wound of head (intraoral)

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?: Firearm,
unspecified

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: 8500 Windfern Rd

City: Houston

County: Harris

Zip: 77064

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:

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?: 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:

N/A

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: Discharged firearm

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

Attempt to Injure Others?: No

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?: 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?:	No	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:	No	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 03-19-2018, a Harris County Sheriff's Office deputy responded to a Welfare Check on the decedent who had not shown up for work. The deputy located the decedent traveling on a public roadway and initiated a traffic stop. The decedent stopped on the roadway with the deputy stopped behind him. The deputy stepped out of his marked patrol car and upon taking a few steps, heard a pop from the decedent's vehicle. The deputy approached the decedent's vehicle and observed him slumped over in the driver's seat holding a firearm with a self-inflicted gunshot wound. No other occupants were in the decedent's vehicle. EMS personnel arrived on scene and found no signs of life on the decedent.