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ATTORNEY GENERAL *of* TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number: 18-192-UF

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Report Date: 5/23/2018 10:36
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: Danny

Middle Name: Ray

Last Name: Thomas

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 4/3/1982

Sex: Male

Race: Black or African
American

Age At Time Of Death: 35

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

Date/Time of Custody or 3/22/2018 12:53
Incident: PM

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

Death Date and Time: 3/22/2018 1:45 PM

Manner / Cause of Death

Has a medical examiner or coroner conducted an evaluation to determine a cause of death?

Medical Examiner/Coroner Yes, results are
Evaluation?: 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:

Gunshot wound of the abdomen

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: 17500 Imperial
Valley Dr

City: Houston

County: Harris

Zip: 77060

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: 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: Medical facility

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:

N/A; Welfare Check

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: Other, specify

Type of Offense, Other:

Medical / Mental Health on-view

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?: Unknown

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?: 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?: Unknown

Physically attempt/assault officer(s): Unknown

Gain possession of officer's weapon: No

Verbally threaten other(s) including law: Unknown

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 March 22, 2018, a Harris County Sheriff's Office deputy was traveling on a public roadway and came to an intersection. The deputy observed vehicles stopped on the roadway and people outside their vehicles. The deputy exited his patrol vehicle and walked towards the area. The decedent got into a verbal confrontation with a citizen. The decedent observed the deputy, pointed at him, and began walking towards him with his pants around his ankles and a white substance emitting from his mouth. The deputy ordered the decedent to stop and get on the ground multiple times while back pedaling. The decedent refused to comply and continued walking towards the deputy as the deputy had his handgun in his hand. The deputy pointed the handgun at the decedent and continued his verbal orders, and the decedent continued walking towards him. The deputy discharged his weapon once, striking the decedent. EMS arrived and transported the decedent to the hospital where he was pronounced deceased.

