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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number: 18-56-C

Version Type: ORIGINAL
VERSION

Report Date: 2/8/2018 9:21 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: Anthony

Middle Name: Joe

Last Name: Williams

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 1/8/1981

Sex: Male

Race: Black or African
American

Age At Time Of Death: 37

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

Date/Time of Custody or
Incident: 2/1/2018 9:09 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 2/1/2018 9:09 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:

Multiple perforated gunshot wounds of the torso and neck with transection of jugular vein.

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: 5400 S. Loop S.

City: Houston

County: Harris

Zip: 77081

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:

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: 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 Robbery

Offense 2:

Aggravated Assault

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 firearm without discharge;
Discharged firearm

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):	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?:	Yes	Resist being handcuffed or arrested?:	Yes
Physically attempt/assault officer(s):	Unknown	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:

On Thursday, February 1, 2018, at approximately 08500 hours, Lieutenant Michael Williams, employee#99976, assigned to Patrol Region 3 Command, Southwest Division, was involved in an officer-involved shooting (OIS) while on-duty working as the day shift patrol lieutenant for the Southwest Division.

Prior to the shooting at approximately 0840 hours, officers of the Houston Police Department (HPD) Southwest Division responded to a robbery-in-progress call at 10721 S. Post Oak Rd. where a suspect, later identified as Anthony Joe Williams, stole money and beer, and a short time later, saw him fire four gunshots into the store window. Mr. Ballinas described the suspect as having a tattoo on his neck, and wearing a thick green camouflage jacket and jeans. The responding HPD patrol officers learned that the suspect fled the scene going north on S. Post Oak Rd. in a black Toyota Avalon bearing Texas license plate CX3-C723.

Another witness who saw the suspect fleeing the Exxon station, Denise Lott, was driving north on S. Post Oak Rd. when the suspect vehicle came up behind her at a high rate of speed. Ms. Lott was unable to move out from the path of the suspect vehicle, and he struck her vehicle and then continued driving northbound onto the West Loop. Afterwards, Ms. Lott followed the suspect vehicle northbound on the West Loop. Ms. Lott followed the suspect vehicle until it was eventually disabled in the moving lanes of traffic after having struck several vehicles along the way.

The HPD Air Support Division was called to her search the suspect vehicle. A short time later, the Air Support unit located the suspect vehicle blocking traffic flow on the northbound lanes of 5400 W. Loop S.

Officer from the Bellaire Police Department (BPD) arrived on the scene of 5400 W. Loop S. and conducted a felony traffic stop. HPD patrol officer also arrived on the scene as BPD officers were giving Anthony Joe Williams, verbal commands to surrender. Mr. Williams did not comply with officer's commands and he exited his vehicle and started walking away. BPD and HPD officers began to follow the suspect on foot while continuing to give him verbal commands which he still ignored. Mr. Williams still had the pistol that he used to commit the robbery at the Exxon station in his possession, as he walked around the building of Houston Methodist Orthopedics and Sports Medicine located at 5505 W. Loop S.

As Mr. Williams made his way around the building of the Houston Methodist Orthopedics and Sports Medicine and onto Pin Oak Park St. he approached several passing vehicles in an attempt to force them to stop. Mr. Williams then turned towards Lieutenant Williams and then the foot pursuit officers with the pistol in hand, as well as the occupants vehicles he was attempting to force to stop. Lieutenant Williams feared that the suspect might shoot at him, the foot pursuing officers, of the passing motorist, so he discharged his duty weapon several times at Mr. Williams.

Mr. Williams was struck by the gunfire however he did not stop and he continued to walk northbound towards the parking lot of the Boudreaux's Cajun Kitchen and they tackled him and were able to place him in cuffs.

Mr. Williams required medical attention due to his injuries, and an ambulance from the City of Bellaire responded to the scene. Bellaire paramedics were unable to save Mr. Williams, he was pronounced dead at the scene.

Lieutenant Williams was the only person to discharge his duty weapon on this incident.