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ATTORNEY GENERAL *of* TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number: 18-570-UF

Version Type: ORIGINAL
VERSION

Report Date: 6/27/2018 9:07 AM

Status: Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name: Pearland Police
Dept.

Agency Address: 2555 Cullen Pkwy.

Agency City: Pearland

Agency State: TX

Agency Zip: 77581

Director Information

Director Salutation: Captain

Director First Name: Thomas

Director Middle Name:

Director Last Name: Moncrief

Reporter Name: Thomas Moncrief

Reporter Email: tmoncrief@pearlandtx.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Abel

Middle Name:

Last Name: Guzman

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 1/13/1962

Sex: Male

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 56

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

Date/Time of Custody or
Incident: 6/5/2018 4:22 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 6/5/2018 4:45 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
Evaluation?: pending

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 Gunshot Wounds

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

Medical Treatment: Yes

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?: Rifle/shotgun

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: 1919 Main

City: Pearland

County: Brazoria

Zip: 77581

What location category best describes where the event causing the death occurred?

Location Category: Parking lot/garage

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: Dead on arrival at
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 Deadly Weapon

Offense 2:

Deadly Conduct

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 Attempted to injure law enforcement personnel;

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?:	No
Exhibit any mental health problems?:	Yes	Exhibit any medical problems?:	No

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?:	N/A
Physically attempt/assault officer(s):	Yes	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 June 5, 2018, at approximately 4:11 PM, units were dispatched to Walmart, located at 1919 Main, Pearland, Texas, in reference to a man with a gun that had discharged a firearm several times. Upon arrival, officers located a H/M, later identified as Abel Guzman, on the south/center area of the parking lot. Upon making contact with Mr. Guzman he was observed waiving a handgun around and holding it against the side of his head. Mr. Guzman was also observed pointing the handgun in the direction of a moving vehicle as it drove by an aisle close to him before the scene was totally secure.

An officer attempted to speak with him in both English and Spanish, attempting him to lower the weapon so they could provide assistance. After several minutes, Mr. Guzman leveled the pistol and took aim in the

direction of officers and he was engaged with deadly force. Mr. Guzman was hit several times and went to the ground. EMS transported Mr. Guzman to the hospital and he was pronounced dead by hospital staff.