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ATTORNEY GENERAL *of* TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number: 18-574-UF

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VERSION

Report Date: 6/28/2018 10:39
AM

Status: Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name: Jim Wells County
Sheriff's Dept.

Agency Address: PO BOX 1286

Agency City: Alice

Agency State: TX

Agency Zip: 78333

Director Information

Director Salutation: Sheriff

Director First Name: Daniel

Director Middle Name: J

Director Last Name: Bueno

Reporter Name: Luis Valadez

Reporter Email: l.valadez@jimwellscounty-tx.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Sean

Middle Name: Louis

Last Name: Justin

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 9/8/1989

Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 28

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

Date/Time of Custody or
Incident: 5/3/2018 11:20 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 5/3/2018 11:20 AM

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:

Gunshot wound pending medical examiner's final report

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?: 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: 12474 State
Highway 359

City: Sandia

County: Jim Wells

Zip: 78383

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

Location Category: Residence/Home

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:

Custody of Law Enforcement Personnel subsequent to 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 Assault with a Deadly Weapon (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: 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: Displayed other weapon, specify:

Specify Weapon Displayed:

bayonet/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): No

Make suicidal statements?: Yes

Exhibit any mental health problems?: Yes

Exhibit any medical problems?: Yes

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): Yes

Gain possession of officer's weapon: No

Verbally threaten other(s) including law: Yes

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 May 3, 2018, an officer responded to a welfare concern/domestic call with an individual identified as Sean Louis Justin. When the officer arrived at the residence, Mr. Justin pulled an axe on the officer. The officer then asked for assistance and backed away from the subject. Officers had already responded to previous calls with Mr. Justin and subject did display previous mental issues. Parents had indicated that they had removed numerous guns from his residence and that he had been suffering from a form of schizophrenia or other mental disorders. Parents also said that they were scared of Sean and they didn't know what he was capable of. Mr. Justin then barricaded himself in the residence located at 12474 State Highway 359 in Sandia, Texas. Once other officers arrived, numerous attempts were made to make contact with Mr. Justin from a distance. Phone calls were also placed to his cell phone and he would not answer/respond. At that time, members of the department SWAT Team arrived and officers stationed themselves at the exits of the residence. At approximately 11:15 AM, Mr. Justin exited the residence holding two containers. Mr. Justin had visible blood on both hands and wrists from what appeared to be self-inflicted wounds. Officers at scene again asked Mr. Justin to allow them to help him and that they would get Mr. Justin help. As officers approached, Mr. Justin stepped back into the residence and closed the door and locked it and stood in front of the door. Due to the conditions of Mr. Justin and the self inflicted wounds, the supervisor on scene made the decision to attempt to take the person into custody. SWAT members kicked the door in and attempted to use a TASER to subdue Mr. Justin. Two TASERS were fired and one TASER did strike Mr. Justin having little to no effect. Mr. Justin began yelling and he then pulled a knife/bayonet and lunged towards the officers. At that time, one of the officers fired two shots from his assigned rifle striking Mr. Justin both times. Mr. Justin fell towards the entrance of the doorway where he was standing. Mr. Justin was immediately attended to and life support was given, however, Mr. Justin did die at the scene. Final medical examiner's report is pending. For full detailed report, please see Texas Department of Public Safety, Texas Rangers Division Company D report on the officer involved shooting case #2018I-TRD-50024491.