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ATTORNEY GENERAL *of* TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number: 19-822-C

Version Type: AMENDED

Report Date: 2/24/2020 2:19 PM

Status: Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name: Harris County
Constable Precinct
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Agency Address: 6831 Cypresswood
Dr.

Agency City: Spring

Agency State: TX

Agency Zip: 77379

Director Information

Director Salutation: Constable

Director First Name: Mark

Director Middle Name:

Director Last Name: Herman

Reporter Name: Michael Combest

Reporter Email: michael.combest@cd4.hctx.net

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Tarlisha

Middle Name: Michelle

Last Name: Whitten

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 4/15/1981

Sex: Female

Race: Black or African
American

Age At Time Of Death: 38

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

Date/Time of Custody or
Incident: 8/23/2019 5:07 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 8/23/2019 5:07 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: Other - specify

Manner of Death Description:

Motor Vehicle Crash / Fatal Injuries

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences Autopsy Report (Case No. ML19-2895) - Manner of Death:
Multiple Blunt Force Injuries.

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

Medical Treatment: No

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?: Vehicle-involved death

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: Vehicle accident

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address: 21800 Fairfield
Place Drive

City: Cypress

County: Harris

Zip: 77433

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:

Class A Misdemeanor Theft (Pending final review)

Offense 2:

Evading Motor Vehicle (State Jail Felony)

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:

Property Crimes

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

The decedent was fleeing the scene of a theft in the 29300 block of US 290 (Northwest Freeway) when the vehicle she was driving was pointed out to the responding deputy as being the suspect involved in the theft (shoplifting) at a retail location in this area. The deputy the made the attempt to stop the vehicle being operated by the decedent while still within the parking lot of the business location. The decedent immediately began evading from the deputy at a high speed through the parking lot and then onto the roadway, traveling north bound on Fairfield Place Drive. Upon reaching the 21800 block, the decedent lost control of the vehicle while still driving at a high rate of speed, leaving the roadway and then struck two trees causing extensive damage to the vehicle and injuries to the decedent.