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ATTORNEY GENERAL *of* TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number: 19-972-UF

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Report Date: 3/25/2020 2:32 PM

Status: Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name: Plainview Police
Dept.

Agency Address: 108 W. 9th

Agency City: Plainview

Agency State: TX

Agency Zip: 79072

Director Information

Director Salutation: Chief

Director First Name: Kenneth

Director Middle Name:

Director Last Name: Coughlin

Reporter Name: Kenneth Coughlin

Reporter Email: kcoughlin@plainviewtx.org

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Jose

Middle Name:

Last Name: Orona

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 8/18/1986

Sex: Male

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 33

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

Date/Time of Custody or
Incident: 9/14/2019 8:45 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 9/14/2019 10:58
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:

- a. Blood loss
- b. Visceral injuries
- c. Penetrating Gunshot wounds of right neck and lower chest

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?: Could not be
determined

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: 1610 W. 11th street

City: Plainview

County: Hale

Zip: 79072

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:

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:

Attempted Capital Murder

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: 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 law enforcement personnel;

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): Yes

Make suicidal statements?: Yes

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?: No

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:

Jose Orona had fired rounds at or into 2 occupied homes. As officers arrived he held his gun to his head and told officers he wanted them to shoot him. This continued for over an hour with officers trying to get him to put the gun down. During the event he told them many times he was going to make them shoot him and officers tried to get him to just put the gun down and resolve the issue. Orona eventually raised the gun up and pointed it at the responding officers. The Police officer and the officer he pointed the gun at as well as Orona all fired almost simultaneously. Both officers hit Orona and his round hit the windshield of the police car being used as cover by the police officer. EMS was staged a block away and arrived in about a minute but Orona died at the scene.

