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ATTORNEY GENERAL *of* TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number: 20-621-UF

Version Type: AMENDED

Report Date: 7/13/2020 12:34 PM

Status: Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name: Harris County
Constable Precinct
4

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: Paul

Middle Name:

Last Name: Williams

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 11/20/1991

Sex: Male

Race: Black or African
American

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: 7/7/2020 12:03 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 7/7/2020 2:43 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)

Homicide (includes

Manner of Death: Justifiable
Homicide)

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

To be determined.

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?: 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: 13875 Ella Blvd.

City: Houston

County: Harris

Zip: 77014

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 on Peace Officer

Offense 2:

Assault by Threat

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:

Yes (select all that

Attempt to Injure Others?: apply)

Ways Decedent Attempted To Injure Others: Injured 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?:	No
Exhibit any mental health problems?:	Unknown	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?:	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:

Deputy Constables' responded to an apartment complex located within the 13800 block of Ella Boulevard in response to a reported in-progress disturbance between two family members. The suspect (decedent) was reported to have been attempting to gain access to the residential apartment while in possession of a Taser. After arrival at the location, the responding units made contact with the complainant of whom reported to them the matter of the disturbance. The information received included that the suspect had previously been diagnosed with mental health issues and not currently taking his medications. The deputies then followed that

up by going to the apartment where the suspect resided in an attempt to speak to him. While waiting for him to open the door, they could hear what they knew to be a Taser being activated inside the apartment. When they made contact with him by him opening the door, he was observed to be agitated and would not listen to commands from law enforcement personnel. The suspect was ordered to sit down and did begin to take a kneeling position but abruptly stood back up and began closing the door while reaching to an area behind it or to his right. A Deputy Constable then attempted to stop his action by placing his hand on the door. The suspect was able to retrieve a long barrel revolver from inside the apartment and began firing rounds at the Deputy Constables. One round made contact with one Deputy Constable, penetrating his body. Two other Deputy Constables' also on scene then responded by discharging their duty weapons at the suspect. The suspect then retreated further into the apartment and barricaded himself inside.

All actions in an effort to have the suspect exit the apartment on his own were unsuccessful, even after the suspect made contact with 911 stating that he had been shot and needed help, entry into the apartment was made and he was found deceased inside.