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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	20-775-PF	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	2/4/2021 3:52 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Harris County Constable Precinct 6	Agency Address:	5900 Canal Street, 2nd floor
Agency City:	Houston	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	77011		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Constable	Director First Name:	Silvia
Director Middle Name:	R.		
Director Last Name:	Trevino		
Reporter Name:	Melissa Mendietta	Reporter Email:	melissa.mendietta@cn6.hctx.net

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Donald

Middle Name: Ray

Last Name: Ford

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 2/1/1977 Sex: Male

Race: Black or African American

Age At Time Of Death: 43

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 7/11/2020 1:35 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 7/11/2020 3:27 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)

Homicide (includes

Manner of Death:	Justifiable Homicide)

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Sudden cardiac death due to complications of combined toxic effects of cocaine, phencyclidine, and ethanol associated with restraint.

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

Medical Treatment:	Unknown

If death was an accident, homicide or suicide, who caused the death?

Who caused the death?:	Unknown whether decedent sustained a fatal injury

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?:	Unknown

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:	Unknown

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address:	5445 East Freeway	City:	Houston
County:	Harris	Zip:	77020

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: Private Facility

Specific type of custody/facility:

Specific Type of Custody/Facility:

Hospital/Infirmary

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: 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:

No charges at the time

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: Other, specify

Type of Offense, Other:

suspicious person

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?: 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):	Unknown	Make suicidal statements?:	No
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?:	No	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:	Unknown	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:	Yes, mark which restraint devices were used

Type of restraint

Type of Restraint:	Handcuffs

Summary of Incident

Summary of How the Death Occurred: (max. 30,000 characters)

Summary:

I, Deputy B. Clark Unit #86N19 was on routine patrol on 07/11/2020 at 01:27 when I was dispatched to a fight "IN PROGRESS" at 5445 East Fwy located in the incorporated city limits of Houston.

The suspect was described as wearing a brown striped shirt and blue jeans and described as being the "Violent One" to dispatch. Deputy J. Chairez #86N21 was first to arrive on scene and came across the radio in what sounded like a struggle over the air. The suspect was actively resisting detention. Deputy M. Martinez

#86K10 and I exited both our vehicles and quickly aided Deputy Chairez in attempting to detain the suspect. Upon detaining him in the backseat, HFD medic 27 began checking his vitals and communicated to us that his vitals were good and that they needed to check his blood sugar. The male suspect then began having some sort of emergency medical situation and they began CPR. HFD Engine 19 arrived on scene to assist Medic 27. EMS administered several medicines through an IV. He was then transported to St. Josephs hospital by Ambulance. Upon my arrival at the hospital, I was informed that the suspect did not make it. Dr. Afuwape called the time of death at 03:27AM.

I arrived on scene and quickly tried to assist in detaining the suspect. I saw the suspect attempting to use his arm to lift his body and I used a sweep with my lower leg/foot to move his hand in order for the suspect to lay flat to assist Deputy Chairez in detaining the male. It was not effective, we gave loud verbal commands for the suspect to put his hands behind his back. I warned blood because I saw blood on his forehead and blood on his arms. Due to him actively resisting we did not have time to put gloves on. I noticed the male was using his legs to try and pivot and get his body off the ground. I then moved my body weight to his legs to try and get him to stop resisting. He continued actively resisting myself, Deputy Chairez and Deputy Martinez and ignoring verbal commands to put his hands behind his back. I then told him I would tase him if he didnt, he refused to comply, I removed the cartridge and used the taser to dry stun him. It was not effective. We were finally able to get 2 cuffs together and use them to detain him. I realized how sweaty he was after detaining him and said let move him to the patrol car. I was attempting to get him cooled down in the AC. I also asked dispatch to have EMS enroute, dispatcher Thai informed me that he was on the phone with them. As we were trying to get him to go toward the car he kept shouting no, and then passively resisted by lifting his legs and creating dead weight. I assisted in carrying him to the patrol car and attempted to put him in the backseat. He then began kicking backwards, which made contact several times. I then used a strike with my foot in a downward motion to try to stop him from kicking me further. Upon arrival of EMS, I had them check his vitals which they informed me that they were good. I then observed a short time later the male was moved out of the vehicle and EMS began CPR. I then assisted EMS with providing air to the suspect with the bag while Deputy Martinez was providing chest compressions. I then went enroute to St. Josephs and upon arrival was informed that the suspect did not make it. I called and notified Sgt. P. Harris 86S03 and gave him the time of death that was called by Dr. Afuwape.