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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	21-1201-UF	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	11/16/2021 5:11 AM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Houston Police Dept.	Agency Address:	1200 Travis, 16th Floor
Agency City:	Houston	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	77002		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Lieutenant	Director First Name:	Melissa
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Countryman		
Reporter Name:	Kimberly Fowler	Reporter Email:	kimberly.fowler@houstonpolice.org

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Omar

Middle Name: Hernandez

Last Name: Lazano

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 9/30/1981 Sex: Male

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 39

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 9/1/2021 10:03 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 9/1/2021 10:16 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: Homicide (includes Justifiable Homicide)

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Multiple gunshot wounds

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:	1246 Mitchell Road	City:	Houston
County:	Harris	Zip:	77037

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:

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?: 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 Against a Police Officer

Offense 2:

Evade Arrest/Detention in a Motor Vehicle

Offense 3:

Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle

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:

Operating a stolen vehicle

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: Used vehicle as weapon

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:	Injured law enforcement personnel; 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?:	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):	Yes	Gain possession of officer's weapon:	No
Verbally threaten other(s) including law:	N/A	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:

On Wednesday, September 1, 2021, at approximately 2200 hours, several deputies in marked patrol units with the Harris County Precinct 1 Constable's Office attempted to stop a stolen black Volkswagon Atlas SUV bearing Texas license plate PDN4935 as it travelled the worn way on Hardy Road. When the Precinct 1 Constable Deputies turned on their emergency lights and sirens in an attempt to stop the vehicle, the driver, who would later be identified as Mr. Omar Hernancez Lazano, ignored all signals to stop and proceeded to lead officers on a high speed chase. During the vehicle pursuit the Deputies requested assistance for the

Houston Police Department (HPD). Several HPD marked patrol units assisted in the vehicle pursuit Mr. Lazano led Precinct Constable 1 Deputies and HPD Officers on a vehicle pursuit for approximately 20 minutes. During the pursuit, Mr. Lazano pulled into the front yard of a single story home located at 1246 Mitchell Road and quickly and quickly backed the vehicle into driveway. The primary unit, who as a Precinct 1 Constable Sergeant, blocked the driveway with his patrol vehicle so Mr. Lazano could not pull back into the roadway and continue to flee in the vehicle. At this point Mr. Lazano put the vehicle in reverse, and at a high rate of speed backed the vehicle and crashed into the home with such force that the back half of the vehicle was inside the home. Numerous deputies began to converge on the vehicle. As they did so, Mr. Lazano drove the vehicle forward at thigh rate of speed and ran directly over the top of a Precinct 1 Constable Deputy and dragged him Approximately 20 feet until he struck the marked Constable vehicle that blocked his path. In response to this, five Precinct 1 Constable Deputies and one HPD officer fired their duty weapon, striking Mr. Lazano as he sat in the driver's seat of the crashed vehicle. Mr. Lazano was later pronounced deceased. The Deputy who was ran over by the vehicle was taken to Memorial Hermann Hospital by life flight in critical yet stable condition. During the shooting one Precinct 1 Constable Sergeant was struck in the left leg by a ricochet gunfire. This Constalbe Sergeant was checked on scene by HFD. This investigation is till ongoing.