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ATTORNEY GENERAL *of* TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number: 21-395-UF

Version Type: AMENDED

Report Date: 12/27/2021 9:19
AM

Status: Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name: Killeen Police Dept.

Agency Address: 3304 Community
Blvd.

Agency City: Killeen

Agency State: TX

Agency Zip: 76542

Director Information

Director Salutation: Chief

Director First Name: Charles

Director Middle Name: F

Director Last Name: Kimble

Reporter Name: Frank Plowick

Reporter Email: fplowick@killeentexas.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Zyemechetrist

Middle Name: Darjhe

Last Name: Garner

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 3/15/2004

Sex: Male

Race: Black or African
American

Age At Time Of Death: 17

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

Date/Time of Custody or 3/21/2021 12:50
Incident: AM

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

Death Date and Time: 3/21/2021 2:06 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 are
Evaluation?: available

What was the manner of death? (select only one)

Manner of Death: Suicide

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Gunshot wound to head

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

Medical Treatment: Not Applicable

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?: 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: 3700blk S WS
Young Dr

City: Killeen

County: Bell

Zip: 76542

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:

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:

Unlawful Carrying a Weapon

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: Alcohol / drug offense; Other, specify

Type of Offense, Other:

Driving While Intoxicated

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?: No

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?: 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: 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:

On 3/21/2021 at about 12:50am a Killeen Police Officer initiated a traffic stop of a suspected intoxicated driver in the 3700blk of S WS Young Dr in Killeen, Bell County, Texas. The officer had observed the suspect vehicle operating in a erratic manner, consistent with a possible intoxicated driver.

The vehicle stopped in the left turn lane when the officer activated his emergency equipment. As the officer attempted to approach the vehicle on foot the driver (and sole occupant) of the vehicle drove away at a low rate of speed, striking a concrete wall.

When the officer attempted to make direct contact with the driver, he learned that the subject had shot himself in the head with a handgun upon being stopped by police. The driver was pronounced deceased at the scene.