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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	22-1036-UF	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	8/9/2022 10:57 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:	Chief	Director First Name:	Troy
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Finner		
Reporter Name:	Kimberly Fowler	Reporter Email:	kimberly.fowler@houstonpolice.org

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Kevin

Middle Name:

Last Name: Jones

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 2/10/1992 Sex: Male

Race: Black or African American

Age At Time Of Death: 30

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 7/27/2022 3:35 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 7/27/2022 4:11 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: Suicide

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Gunshot wound of the 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:	3200 Eastex Freeway	City:	Houston
County:	Harris	Zip:	77026

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?: 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:

Evading Motor Vehicle

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:

Traffic Stop

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?: Unknown

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?:	Unknown
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):	No	Gain possession of officer's weapon:	No
Verbally threaten other(s) including law:	No	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, July 27, 2022, at approximately 1530 hours, officers assigned to the Houston Police Department were conducting surveillance at 1200 Redford Street and requested Clear Lake Division Officers conduct a traffic stop on the decedent's vehicle after observing a 'hand-to-hand transaction, which is a common method used to transfer narcotics.

Officers observed the suspect's vehicle fail to indicate a turn as it turned onto the northbound feeder on the Gulf freeway. Officers were in marked HPD vehicles; therefore, they initiated a traffic stop on the decedent's vehicle using their emergency equipment. The decedent fled from the Officers. Officers pursued the decedent for several miles with emergency equipment activated.

The decedent's vehicle crashed into a citizen's vehicle in the 8400 block of Winkler and then continued evading arrest from officers in his vehicle. The decedent then crashed into an 18-wheeler in the 3200 block of the Eastex freeway, at which time the decedent's vehicle became disabled.

Officers stopped, positioned their mark patrol vehicles behind the decedent's vehicle, and took cover while drawing their weapons. A short time later, Officers heard what they believe to be a gunshot from inside the vehicle. Officers approached the decedent's vehicle and found him to be deceased from an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound to his head.

The Houston Fire Department was called to the scene. Once arrived, Kevin Jones was declared deceased by

HFD at 1611 hours. A pistol was found in the decedent's right hand and a fired cartridge casing was found in the vehicle.

A post-mortem examination was completed by the Harris County Institute of Forensic Science and a preliminary finding indicated a suicide by firearm.