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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number: 22-1867-UF

Version Type: AMENDED

Report Date: 5/17/2022 11:40
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: Richard

Middle Name:

Last Name: Nichols

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 9/3/1973

Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 48

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

Date/Time of Custody or
Incident: 4/9/2022 5:46 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 4/10/2022 12:38
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)

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: Not Applicable

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: 729 West Mount
Houston

City: Houston

County: Harris

Zip: 77038

What location category best describes where the event causing the death occurred?

Location Category: Business

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: 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:

Unlawful Possession of Firearm-Felony

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: 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: No

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):	Unknown	Make suicidal statements?:	No
Exhibit any mental health problems?:	Unknown	Exhibit any medical problems?:	N/A

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 04/09/2022, at approximately 1710 hours, officers with the Houston Police Department were approached by a citizen who owned a nearby business requesting assistance with a violent suspect who frequents the area of his business. The business owner advised officers the suspect is known to be armed and dangerous and he has threatened to kill patrons at the business. The business owner advised officers that the individual is currently at an adjacent tire shop near his business and the owner of the tire shop would like for officers to have the suspect leave the location. Officers spoke to the tire shop owner over the phone and the officers were advised that the suspect intimidates his employees and he wanted the suspect to leave. Officers drove to the tire shop and spoke to employees who indicated the suspect was inside. Officers entered the business in order to make contact with the suspect and instruct him to leave the location at the request of the tire shop owner. When officers approached the suspect, he was sitting in the office of the tire shop and officers gave verbal commands to the suspect to put his hands up. Officers had their weapons drawn due to the violent nature of the suspect and the likelihood that the suspect would be armed as stated by the citizen. The suspect ignored the officers commands and lunged toward a desk he was sitting near. The officers fired multiple shots at the suspect, striking him in the torso area, arm, and leg. Officers immediately provided first aid to the suspect until the Houston Fire Department could arrive on the scene. The suspect was transported to Northwest Memorial Hospital by the Houston Fire Department where he underwent surgery for his injuries. The suspect was pronounced deceased at 1238 hours on 04/10/2022.

