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ATTORNEY GENERAL *of* TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number: 23-1123-C

Version Type: AMENDED

Report Date: 8/31/2023 6:36 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: Gissela

Middle Name: Esmeralda

Last Name: Ramirez

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 1/22/1996

Sex: Female

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 27

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

Date/Time of Custody or
Incident: 8/9/2023 2:42 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 8/9/2023 2:53 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: Accidental

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Multiple blunt force injuries

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?: Other civilian(s)

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?: Vehicle-involved death

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: Vehicle accident

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address: 6400 West Sam
Houston Pkwy
South

City: Houston

County: Harris

Zip: 77072

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: Police Custody
(pre-booking)

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?: 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:

None

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:

Evading in Motor 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: 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?: 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?:	N/A	Resist being handcuffed or arrested?:	N/A
Physically attempt/assault officer(s):	N/A	Gain possession of officer's weapon:	N/A
Verbally threaten other(s) including law:	N/A	Escape or attempt to escape/flee custody:	N/A
Attempt gain possession officer's weapon:	N/A		

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 August 9, 2023, at approximately 0224 hours, the Westside Patrol Station officers attempted to conduct a traffic stop for suspicion of DWI near the 900 block of the West Sam Houston Parkway Service Road. The driver/suspect's vehicle initially slowly rolled away from the officers and then began to evade the officers at a high rate of speed. The driver/suspect fled northbound on the West Sam Houston toll road before taking the Gessner exit, made a U-turn at Little Your Road, and then began traveling southbound; the driver/suspect lost control on the service road and overturned.

During the crash, the passenger was ejected from the vehicle. The passenger died on the scene due to injuries related to the crash. The driver/suspect was transported to Ben Taub Hospital in critical condition. Charges of Felony Murder were accepted against the driver/suspect by the Harris County District Attorney's Office.