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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number: 23-139-UF

Version Type: AMENDED

Report Date: 9/28/2023 9:47 AM

Status: Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name: Denton County
Sheriff's Office.

Agency Address: 127 N. Woodrow
Ln. Suite 300

Agency City: Denton

Agency State: TX

Agency Zip: 76205

Director Information

Director Salutation: Sheriff

Director First Name: Tracy

Director Middle Name:

Director Last Name: Murphree

Reporter Name: Ronald Pettigrew

Reporter Email: ron.pettigrew@dentoncounty.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Victoria

Middle Name: Lauren

Last Name: Edwards

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 10/6/1993

Sex: Female

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 29

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

Date/Time of Custody or
Incident: 2/4/2023 12:20 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 2/4/2023 12:20 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:

Gunshot wounds of torso and right thigh

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?: Rifle/shotgun

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: 6800 University
Street

City: Denton

County: Denton

Zip: 76205

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

Location Category: Field/woods/lake/waterway/beach

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:

19.03-Attempted Capital Murder

Offense 2:

22.05-Deadly Conduct

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: Yes, mark all that apply

Decedent Display or Use Weapon Details: Displayed firearm without discharge

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: 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?: Yes

Exhibit any mental health problems?: Yes

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?: Yes

Resist being handcuffed or arrested?: Yes

Physically attempt/assault officer(s): Yes

Gain possession of officer's weapon: No

Verbally threaten other(s) including law: Yes

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 February 4, 2023, the Denton County Sheriff's Office received a bulletin from the Arlington Police Department regarding an armed woman making suicidal comments at Arlington Memorial Hospital. Shortly after noon, on February 4, 2023, Denton County Sheriff's Office Deputies located an unoccupied vehicle related to the earlier incident in the parking lot of the Greenbelt Corridor Park, 6800 block East University, Denton, TX. Deputies searched the trails in the park and when the driver of the vehicle was contacted, she pointed a weapon at the Deputies. The woman refused to comply with the Deputies' commands to drop the weapon. Deputies fired their weapons striking the woman. Sheriff's Deputies rendered emergency aid to the suspect but she did not survive.