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ATTORNEY GENERAL *of* TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number: 23-489-UF

Version Type: ORIGINAL
VERSION

Report Date: 5/5/2023 1:45 PM

Status: Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name: Denison Police
Dept.

Agency Address: 108 West Main St.

Agency City: Denison

Agency State: TX

Agency Zip: 75021

Director Information

Director Salutation: Chief

Director First Name: Michael

Director Middle Name:

Director Last Name: Gudgel

Reporter Name: Don Moree

Reporter Email: dmoree@cityofdenison.com

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Zachary

Middle Name: Ryan

Last Name: Davis

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 1/12/1993

Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

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: 4/3/2023 4:02 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 4/3/2023 4:02 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:

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: Unknown

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: 211 East Walker
Street

City: Denison

County: Grayson

Zip: 75020

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

Location Category: Other, specify

Other Location Category:

Alley/Private Drive

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?: 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:

Homicide

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: Yes, mark all that apply

Decedent Display or Use Weapon Details: Used other weapon, specify:

Specify Weapon Used:

Samurai Sword

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: Killed civilian(s) or other inmate(s)

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?: No

Resist being handcuffed or arrested?: Unknown

Physically attempt/assault officer(s): Yes

Gain possession of officer's weapon: Unknown

Verbally threaten other(s) including law: Yes

Escape or attempt to escape/flee custody: Unknown

Attempt gain possession officer's weapon: Unknown

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:

Officers responded to a disturbance call at 211 E. Walker Street in Denison. Located inside the residence was a deceased female (later found to be the suspect's mother) who had been cut/stabbed/mutilated with a sharp object. The suspect DAVIS was located by officers in an adjacent alley. Suspect DAVIS was in

possession of a Samurai type sword and when approached by officers, raised the sword in a threatening manner and charged at the officers. Both officers fired at the suspect striking him multiple times. Suspect DAVIS was pronounced dead on the scene.