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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number: 23-705-PF

Version Type: AMENDED

Report Date: 6/15/2023 12:48 PM

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: Nima

Middle Name:

Last Name: Rohani

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 7/4/1978

Sex: Male

Race: Other

Age At Time Of Death: 44

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

Date/Time of Custody or
Incident: 6/1/2023 7:15 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 6/2/2023 12:44 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: Suicide

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Gunshot wound of 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: 2525 W. Loop S.

City: Houston

County: Harris

Zip: 77027

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: Private Facility

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: 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:

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: Medical / Mental Health assistance call

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; Discharged firearm; Used other weapon, specify:

Specify Weapon Used:

Semi-automatic handgun

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?:	Yes
Exhibit any mental health problems?:	Yes	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:	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:

The Houston Police Department (HPD) received and responded to a "Suicide-in-Progress" call on June 1, 2023 at the Derek Hotel located at 2525 W. Loop S. 77027. Upon arrival at approximately 7:22 pm, uniformed patrol officers were informed by the suspect's ex-girlfriend that the suspect was in his hotel room with a firearm and made comments to her that he wanted to commit suicide.

Specialized units certified to deal with mental health situations and crisis know as Crisis Intervention Response Teams (CIRT) also responded to the scene at approximately 7:42 pm. CIRT units made contact and communication with the suspect until Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) and Hostage Negotiations Team (HNT) personnel arrived and took over communications and security from CIRT and the patrol officers.

HNT and SWAT personnel arrived at approximately 9:45 pm and began providing scene security and assumed communications with the suspect. At approximately 12:01 am June 2, 2023, SWAT personnel heard a muffled gunshot come from the suspect's room. SWAT personnel then breached the door to the suspects room and attempted to locate the suspect. room and attempted to locate the suspect.

After multiple attempts using technology (cameras and robot) to locate the suspect, SWAT personnel

physically entered the room and discovered the suspect with what appeared to be a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head and laying on the bed. SWAT personnel observed the suspect to still have signs of life. The Houston Fire Department (HFD) provided medical aid and transported the suspect to the nearest hospital.

At approximately 12:44am, the suspect succumbed to his injury and was pronounced deceased at the hospital.

No law enforcement officers discharged a firearm or any less than lethal devices were used during this incident.