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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	24-1426-UF	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	10/7/2024 10:56 AM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Temple Police Dept.	Agency Address:	209 E. Avenue A.
Agency City:	Temple	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	76501		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Chief	Director First Name:	Shawn
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Reynolds		
Reporter Name:	Garrett Alton	Reporter Email:	galton@templetx.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: BILLY

Middle Name: MICHAEL

Last Name: GORDON

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 8/5/1981 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 43

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 10/3/2024 12:21 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 10/3/2024 12:59 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:

Contributing factors: Congestive Heart failure, hypertensive cardiovascular disease, morbid obesity, and diabetes mellitus.

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?: 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?: Conducted energy device (e.g. Taser)

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: Unknown

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address:	2416 S. 13th Street #1014	City:	Temple
County:	Bell	Zip:	76504

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

Location Category: Residence/Home

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: 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:

Criminal Mischief

Offense 2:

Criminal Trespass

Offense 3:

Resisting Arrest

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; Medical / Mental Health assistance call; Crime Against Property

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):	Yes	Make suicidal statements?:	No
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?:	No	Resist being handcuffed or arrested?:	Yes
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:	Yes, mark which restraint devices were used

Type of restraint

Type of Restraint:	Handcuffs

Summary of Incident

Summary of How the Death Occurred: (max. 30,000 characters)

Summary:

On 10/03/2024 at 1210 hours, officers responded to 2416 S. 13th Street #1014 on a call of a psychiatric person. Dispatch relayed there was a person on the scene who was in the apartment tearing it up. The caller, Richard William Sachek, confirmed that it had been physical, and he needed officers. Sachek said that the

person, Billy Michael Gordon, was in the apartment consuming anything he could get his hands on. Sachek attempted to remove Gordon physically but was unable to do so due to Gordon's size and strength. When he could not remove him, he went into the hall and called the police.

Upon arrival, two officers entered the apartment and tried to stop Gordon from destroying the house. Officers tried to reason with Gordon, but he would not listen or comply with the officer's commands. He could be seen on Axon video acting erratically, talking incoherently, and consuming everything he could get his hands on. He was initially in the refrigerator but then started grabbing various items under the sink and was erratically drinking them. There were taser deployments by officers as they attempted to stop him. They then tried to get him into handcuffs and eventually were successful. Gordon went unresponsive after being handcuffed. Officers attempted lifesaving efforts which consisted of CPR, AED, and Narcan. They continued this till EMS arrived and took over. These life-saving efforts were unsuccessful.