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ATTORNEY GENERAL *of* TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number: 24-1665-UF

Version Type: AMENDED

Report Date: 12/27/2024 2:16 PM

Status: Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name: Killeen Police Dept.

Agency Address: 3304 Community Blvd.

Agency City: Killeen

Agency State: TX

Agency Zip: 76542

Director Information

Director Salutation: Chief

Director First Name: Pedro

Director Middle Name:

Director Last Name: Lopez Jr.

Reporter Name: DREW MARTIN

Reporter Email: dmartin@killeentexas.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: John

Middle Name: Darrel

Last Name: Shultz

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 10/16/1971

Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 53

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 12/21/2024 5:20 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 12/21/2024 6:06 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:

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"Based on the case history that was reported to me and the autopsy findings, it is my opinion that John Schultz, a 53-year-old male, died as a result of gunshot wounds."

- SWIFS Medical Examiner Stephen M. Hastings, M.D.

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?: 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: 2100 S WS Young
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City: Killeen

County: Bell

Zip: 76543

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: 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:

Aggravated Assault w/ Serious Bodily Injury

Offense 2:

Evading in Vehicle

Offense 3:

Reckless Driving

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 vehicle as weapon

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; Injured civilian(s) or other inmate(s); Attempted to injure 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?:	N/A
Physically attempt/assault officer(s):	Yes	Gain possession of officer's weapon:	No
Verbally threaten other(s) including law:	No	Escape or attempt to escape/flee custody:	Yes
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 December 21, 2024, at approximately 5:20 PM, the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) was engaged in a pursuit of a reckless driver entering the City of Killeen. A Killeen Police Department officer was working in the vicinity of the Killeen Mall, located at 2100 S WS Young Drive, when the suspect entered the mall parking lot. The suspect then intentionally drove into the mall through the south JCPenney entrance, where he began striking patrons with his vehicle. Multiple individuals were run over and sustained serious injuries, which the pursuing officers observed.

To stop the threat and prevent further injury or loss of life, officers from multiple agencies discharged their firearms at the suspect as he continued to drive through the mall. No citizens were struck or injured by the officers' gunfire; the only individual hit was the suspect.

The Texas Rangers conducted an investigation into the incident. Their investigative summary states: "This investigation documents the Texas Rangers' investigation into an officer-involved shooting which occurred on 12-21-2024 in Bell County, Texas, in which officers from multiple agencies discharged their firearms. This investigation was initiated on 12-21-2024. On 05-28-2025, this investigation was presented to a Grand Jury in Bell County, TX, in which 'No Action Taken' was assigned to each involved officer. This investigation is considered closed."

The autopsy report determined the manner of death to be homicide, with the cause of death being multiple gunshot wounds. The Bell County Grand Jury declined to take any action against the involved officers.