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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

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Report Date: 5/23/2024 11:16
AM

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Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name: Texas Department
Of Public Safety

Agency Address: PO BOX 4087

Agency City: Austin

Agency State: TX

Agency Zip: 78773

Director Information

Director Salutation: Director

Director First Name: Freeman

Director Middle Name:

Director Last Name: Martin

Reporter Name: Joanne
Scarborough

Reporter Email: joanne.scarbrough@dps.texas.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Elizabeth

Middle Name: Jo

Last Name: Stevenson

Suffix: N/A

Date of Birth: 11/15/1972

Sex: Female

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 51

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

Date/Time of Custody or
Incident: 5/10/2024 3:38 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 5/10/2024 3:38 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:

Cranio-encephalic injuries.

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?: Handgun;
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: IH-40 Milepost
128.5

City: Nearest City -
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County: Donley

Zip: 79002

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

Location Category: Roadway/highway/street/sidewalk

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?: 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 on a Public Servant with a Deadly Weapon

Offense 2:

Poss/Delivery of Controlled Substances: PG 1

Offense 3:

Evading Arrest in a Motor Vehicle

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

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: Discharged firearm

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?:	No	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?:	No	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:	Unknown	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 May 10, 2024, the Federal Drug Enforcement Administration ("DEA") contacted the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) communications center in Amarillo Texas. The DEA advised a husband and wife tandem, Mr. and Mrs. Stevenson, were driving a Truck Tractor Semi-Trailer ("TTST") with contraband in the area of Clarendon Texas. DEA requested DPS locate the TTST and develop probable cause to stop it. DPS Troopers relayed this information to the Donley County Sheriff. The Donley County Sheriff located the TTST and

observed a traffic violation. The Sheriff attempted to stop the TTST. The TTST began to evade law enforcement resulting in a pursuit. During the pursuit, Mr. Stevenson attempted to collide with law enforcement vehicles and civilian vehicles. Troopers deployed spikes, which deflated the TTST's front tires. The TTST continued to evade law enforcement. Law enforcement officers attempted to stop the TTST by firing into the motor and at the remaining tires. A short time later, the TTST stopped on IH-40. The TTST then reversed towards law enforcement vehicles. As the TTST neared law enforcement, Mrs. Stevenson, the front passenger, displayed a handgun and pointed it at law enforcement. Law enforcement officers from DPS, the Donley County Sheriff's Office, and Gray County Sheriff's Office, fearing for their lives, discharged their firearms in self-defense at the Stevensons. Both Stevensons were shot. Emergency Medical Services personnel treated the Stevensons. Mrs. Stevenson died at the scene and Mr. Stevenson later died at a hospital.