



KEN PAXTON

ATTORNEY GENERAL *of* TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number: 24-739-UF

Version Type: AMENDED

Report Date: 5/24/2024 2:36 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: Director

Director First Name: Sheryal

Director Middle Name:

Director Last Name: Armstrong

Reporter Name: Melissa
Countryman

Reporter Email: melissa.countryman@houstonpolice.org

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Edgin

Middle Name:

Last Name: Tavera

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 10/23/1985

Sex: Male

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 38

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

Date/Time of Custody or
Incident: 4/28/2024 7:27 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 4/28/2024 8:46 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:

Cardiac dysrhythmia associated with acute methamphetamine toxicity and hypertensive and atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease in the setting of physical restraint with deployment of electromuscular disruption devices

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?: Not applicable

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?: Not Applicable

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?: Pre-existing medical condition

If death was an accident, homicide or suicide, what was the means of death?

Means of Death: Drug overdose

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address: 11030 Sageleaf Ln.

City: Houston

County: Harris

Zip: 77089

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: 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:

Public Lewdness

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: Other, specify

Type of Offense, Other:

Public Lewdness

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:

Houston Police Department (HPD) patrol officers, assigned to the Clear Lake Division, responded to a Public Lewdness call on April 28, 2024, at a private residence located at 11030 Sageleaf Ln., Houston, Harris County, Texas 77089.

During the patrol investigation, the responding officers observed the suspect displaying signs of excited delirium and drug abuse. The officers continued to give verbal commands to the suspect so they could detain the suspect. The suspect was not complying with any verbal commands to cooperate with the officers, so the officers utilized a Conducted Energy Device (CED) to control the suspect and place handcuffs on him. Once the officers were able to detain the suspect, the officers attempted to give medical aid to him due to a laceration on his leg caused by broken glass falling on the suspect's leg during the struggle.

At that time, the officers observed the suspect become non-responsive. Immediately, the HPD officers and the Houston Fire Department (HFD) personnel began to provide medical aid to the suspect.

Despite life-saving efforts performed by the HPD officers on scene and the Houston Fire Department (HFD)

personnel on the scene and enroute to the hospital, the suspect succumbed to his injuries. He was pronounced deceased by a physician on April 28, 2024 at 8:46 AM at a local hospital.