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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number: 25-1029-UF

Version Type: AMENDED

Report Date: 12/18/2025 10:24
AM

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: J. Noe

Director Middle Name:

Director Last Name: Diaz

Reporter Name: Angeline Grimes

Reporter Email: angeline.grimes@houstonpolice.org

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Jonathon

Middle Name: Wayne

Last Name: Vaden

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 5/1/1987

Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

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: 11/30/2025 9:12 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 11/30/2025 9:12 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 arrhythmia secondary to stress associated with physical restraint, blunt force trauma, and methamphetamine toxicity

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?: Unknown whether
decedent sustained
a fatal injury

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?: 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: Other, specify

Means of Death Other: Cardiac arrhythmia
secondary to stress
associated with
physical restraint,
blunt force trauma,
and

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address: 3300 San Jacinto St

City: Houston

County: Harris

Zip: 77004

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:

Hospital/Infirmary

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:

No charges

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:

N/A. Officers assisting medical

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?: No

Exhibit any medical problems?: Yes

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?: 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: 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 Sunday, November 30, 2025, at approximately 7:24am, officers with the Houston Police Department were dispatched to a Disturbance call at 3300 San Jacinto St #421. Upon their arrival they met with Houston Fire Department personnel riding Engine 07. Officers attempted to make contact with the occupant of the apartment, later identified as Jonathon Vaden, and could hear him groaning inside his apartment. Houston Fire Department believed the person to be in medical distress, and officers attempted to gain entry by having the security guard of the apartment complex open the door with a key. Officers found the door to be secured by the dead bolt and at this time Houston Fire Department personnel breached the door by force. Upon gaining entry to the apartment, officers found Mr. Vaden to be the sole occupant of the apartment and was on the floor in medical distress. Officers also noted that the apartment was in complete disarray and Mr. Vaden had several superficial injuries that appeared to have been possible sustained while he was in a state of excited delirium.

While Houston Fire Department was treating Mr. Vaden, he began flailing his arms around on the floor. Believing that Mr. Vaden may sustain more injuries, Officers restrained Mr. Vaden by placing him in handcuffs behind his back using two pairs of handcuffs. After Mr. Vaden's arms were secured, officers allowed Houston Fire Department to continue treating Mr. Vaden. While on the stretcher to be transported to the hospital, Mr. Vaden became unresponsive, and no pulse was detected. The restrains were removed while Houston Fire Department administered CPR. Mr. Vaden was transported to Saint Joseph's Hospital where he was pronounced deceased by Dr. B. Gilani at 9:12 am.

While Mr. Vaden was put in restrains; he was not under suspicion of an offence nor was he under arrest for an offence and the restraints were merely to protect him from further injuring himself in his distressed state.

An autopsy for Mr. Vaden was performed by Dr. E. Henrie, a pathologist with the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences, under ML#25-4595. Dr. Henrie's ruled the manner of death as Homicide and the cause of death was determined to be due to Cardiac arrhythmia secondary to stress associated with physical restraint, blunt force trauma, and methamphetamine toxicity.