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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number: 25-207-UF

Version Type: ORIGINAL
VERSION

Report Date: 3/17/2025 3:52 PM

Status: Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name: McKinney Police
Dept.

Agency Address: 2200 Taylor-Burk
Dr

Agency City: McKinney

Agency State: TX

Agency Zip: 75071

Director Information

Director Salutation: Chief

Director First Name: Joe

Director Middle Name:

Director Last Name: Ellenburg

Reporter Name: Kelsie Cannaday

Reporter Email: kcannaday@mckinneytexas.org

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Freddie

Middle Name:

Last Name: Ware

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 9/30/1981

Sex: Male

Race: Black or African
American

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: 3/14/2025 2:44 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 3/14/2025 4:54 PM

Manner / Cause of Death

Has a medical examiner or coroner conducted an evaluation to determine a cause of death?

Medical Examiner/Coroner Yes, results
Evaluation?: pending

What was the manner of death? (select only one)

Manner of Death: Pending autopsy
results

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Pending autopsy

Had the decedent been receiving treatment for the medical condition that caused the death after admission to your jail's jurisdiction?

Medical Treatment: Yes

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?: 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?: Pre-existing medical
condition

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: 1300 N. Central
EXPY NB

City: McKinney

County: Collin

Zip: 75071

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

Location Category: Other, specify

Other Location Category:

Hotel

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: 3/13/2025 4:54 PM

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?: 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

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: 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: 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; Injured 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): Yes

Make suicidal statements?: No

Exhibit any mental health problems?: Yes

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?: Yes

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: Yes

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 Thursday, March 13, 2025, at 1444 hours, McKinney Police Dispatch received a call from a female stating that her friend was shot in the parking lot of Red Roof Inn, 1300 N Central Expressway NB. Officers arrived and located the victim who had a gunshot wound to her neck. Her vehicle was in the middle of the parking lot with a bullet hole through the front passenger window. Several witnesses reported the shooter to be a male on the second floor.

The male was identified as Freddie Ware. Ware came outside of his hotel room several times to look around at the Police but then went back inside of his room. He would not surrender to the Police. Ware was speaking to Police Negotiators on the phone. Eventually, he exited the room and began walking around on the balcony. He was holding a cell phone up to his ear in one hand and his other hand was concealed in his jacket pocket. Ware was yelling at Officers who were telling him to take his hand out of his pocket and show them his hands. Ware continued to yell obscenities at them and then walked down the stairs. A Police K-9 was deployed on Ware once he walked to the ground level. Ware removed and displayed a handgun from his left jacket pocket.

Three Officers reacted to the threat of Ware pulling the gun and they fired approximately 12 shots from their rifles at Ware, striking him multiple times. Ware fired two shots at the Police K-9 and the K-9 was killed. Ware was treated at the scene and taken to an area hospital where he was pronounced deceased.

The investigation is still ongoing and is being led by the Texas Rangers.