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ATTORNEY GENERAL *of* TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number: 25-636-UF

Version Type: AMENDED

Report Date: 8/15/2025 1:56 PM

Status: Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name: Harris County
Constable Precinct
4

Agency Address: 6831 Cypresswood
Dr.

Agency City: Spring

Agency State: TX

Agency Zip: 77379

Director Information

Director Salutation: Constable

Director First Name: Mark

Director Middle Name:

Director Last Name: Herman

Reporter Name: Toby Hecker

Reporter Email: john.hecker@cd4.hctx.net

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Rafael

Middle Name: Antonio

Last Name: Rodriguez

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 5/19/1957

Sex: Male

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 68

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 8/14/2025 10:33 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 8/14/2025 12:01 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:

Multiple Gun Shot Wounds

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: 11016 Tanglehead Ct

City: Houston

County: Harris

Zip: 77086

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:

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:

Murder

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:

Child Custody Dispute

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: Killed 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): No

Make suicidal statements?: No

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?: No

Physically attempt/assault officer(s): Unknown

Gain possession of officer's weapon: No

Verbally threaten other(s) including law: Yes

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: No

Summary of Incident

Summary of How the Death Occurred: (max. 30,000 characters)

Summary:

Deputy was on location for a child custody dispute. Father of child was at child's grandfather's house to pick up his child. Father had full custody so grandfather was told he would have to allow child to go with her father. While deputy was outside speaking with father the child's grandmother exited the house and stated she needed an ambulance. Grandmother came out to the driveway and layed on the ground. Father was kneeling

down comforting grandmother when grandfather exited the house, approached the father, produced a handgun and shot the father in the head at point blank range, instantly killing the father.

Deputy immediately drew his weapon and fearing the grandfather was going to shoot the grandmother and/or himself the deputy discharged his weapon striking the grandfather. Grandfather was transported to the hospital where he succumbed to his wounds.