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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	25-949-UF	Version Type:	ORIGINAL VERSION
Report Date:	11/24/2025 12:16 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:	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: Brendan

Middle Name: Devonne

Last Name: Brown

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 1/7/1999 Sex: Male

Race: Black or African American

Age At Time Of Death: 26

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 7/7/2025 12:18 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 7/7/2025 12:27 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)

Homicide (includes

Manner of Death:	Justifiable Homicide)

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:
Gunshot wound of head (face)

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

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: 7100 Rook Blvd
City: Houston
County: Harris
Zip: 77087

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?: 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:

Burglary of Residence with intent to commit assault

Offense 2:

Aggravated Assault (Deadly Weapon)

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: Displayed firearm without discharge

At any time during the incident and/or entry into the law enforcement facility, did the decedent:

Yes (select all that

Attempt to Injure Others?:	apply)
Ways Decedent Attempted To Injure Others:	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):	Unknown	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):	No	Gain possession of officer's weapon:	No
Verbally threaten other(s) including law:	No	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 Monday, July 7, 2025, at approximately 0007 hours, officers from the Houston Police Department's Southeast Patrol Division (HPD) were dispatched to an "Assault/In Progress" call for service at an apartment within the Bellfort Plaza Apartments located at 7035 Bellfort Avenue, Houston, Harris County, Texas. The officers spoke to the victim and learned the suspect, armed with a handgun, forced entry into the victim's apartment, and hit her with the handgun multiple times. The suspect took off before the officers' arrival. While still at the scene, the officers observed the suspect walking south of the apartment complex. The officers, dressed in full police uniform, announced themselves and commanded the suspect to stop. The

suspect took off running on foot in an attempt to evade the officers. The officers gave chase. During the foot pursuit, the suspect fell to the ground and grabbed what appeared to be a handgun from his waistband. The officers drew their duty weapons when the suspect continued running on foot again. An HPD Sergeant was responding to a separate but related call for service at a residence nearby. The Sergeant, who had not even spoken to the 911 caller, observed the suspect running towards him armed with the handgun with officers giving chase. The Sergeant, in full police uniform, unholstered his duty weapon, pointed the duty weapon at the suspect, and commanded the suspect to show him his hands. The suspect disregarded his commands and continued to approach the Sergeant with the handgun in his hand. Fearing for his safety, the Sergeant discharged his duty weapon at the suspect. The suspect was struck at least one time. The Houston Fire Department (HFD) was called to the scene and pronounced the suspect deceased at 0027 hours. No officers were injured during this incident.
The Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences completed the autopsy and ruled the Manner of Death as Homicide and the Cause of Death as Gunshot wound of head (face).