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ATTORNEY GENERAL *of* TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number: 26-224-UF

Version Type: AMENDED

Report Date: 3/19/2026 1:48 PM

Status: Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name: Metropolitan Transit
Authority of Harris
County

Agency Address: 1900 Main, PO
BOX 61429

Agency City: Houston

Agency State: TX

Agency Zip: 77208

Director Information

Director Salutation: Chief

Director First Name: Ban

Director Middle Name:

Director Last Name: Tien

Reporter Name: Robert Smith

Reporter Email: robert.smith@houstonmetpolice.org

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Edwin

Middle Name: Lamont

Last Name: Smith

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 3/28/1980

Sex: Male

Race: Black or African
American

Age At Time Of Death: 45

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

Date/Time of Custody or
Incident: 2/22/2026 8:53 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 2/22/2026 9:16 AM

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: Homicide (includes
Justifiable

Homicide)

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Gun Shot - Multiple

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: 1408 Main St.

City: Houston

County: Harris

Zip: 77002

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

Location Category: Other, specify

Other Location Category:

Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County Light Rail Platform

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: 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:

Unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon

Offense 2:

Aggravated assault family violence

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:

Attempt to Injure Others?: Yes (select all that apply)

Ways Decedent Attempted To Injure Others: Attempted to injure law enforcement personnel; Attempted to injure 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?: 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: 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:

On Sunday, February 22nd, 2026, Police Officers with the Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County "METRO Police" were dispatched to a domestic disturbance between the Decedent and his alleged girlfriend at the Metropolitan Transit Authority Downtown Transit Center located at 1900 Travis St. Houston, Harris County, Texas.

METRO Police Officers were informed that the Decedent was armed with an unknown type of firearm, due to the Decedent's alleged girlfriend telling the reportee that the Decedent had a firearm on his person. The Decedent left the Downtown Transit Center and boarded a Metropolitan Transit Authority Light Rail Vehicle "METRO LRV" headed north from the Downtown Transit Center Light Rail Platform, leaving his alleged girlfriend behind at the Downtown Transit Center.

METRO Police Officers stopped the METRO LRV at the Northbound Bell St. Light Rail Platform located at 1408 Main St. Houston, Harris County, Texas. METRO Police Officers made contact with the Decedent and escorted him unassisted off of the METRO LRV.

METRO Police Officers were trying to talk to the Decedent about the domestic violence incident, but the Decedent would not take his hands out of his hooded sweatshirt "Hoodie". METRO Police Officers gave the Decedent multiple orders to remove his hands from his hoodie, but the decedent would not comply.

As METRO Police Officers were giving the Decedent orders to comply, the Decedent stepped back towards the back railing of the Light Rail Platform and suddenly produced the firearm "Revolver".

METRO Police Officers quickly reacted in fear for their lives and the lives of other persons in the area due to the Decedent's actions. METRO Police Officers were forced to use deadly force firing their weapons multiple times striking the Decedent.

METRO Police Officers removed the Decedent's firearm away from his reach and placed him in handcuffs.

METRO Police Officer started providing emergency medical care and first aid to the Decedent until Houston Fire Department arrived on scene and took over medical care of the Decedent.

The Decedent was transported by ambulance to Ben Taub Hospital where he was pronounced deceased by the attending trauma physician.