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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number: 26-412-C

Version Type: ORIGINAL
VERSION

Report Date: 5/22/2026 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: Jeremiah

Middle Name: Christopher

Last Name: Pruitt

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 10/24/2006

Sex: Male

Race: Black or African
American

Age At Time Of Death: 19

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

Date/Time of Custody or
Incident: 4/26/2026 5:16 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 4/27/2026 12:16
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 Results

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?: 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?: Could not be
determined

If death was an accident, homicide or suicide, what was the means of death?

Means of Death: Unknown

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address: 13350 Perry Rd.

City: Houston

County: Harris

Zip: 77070

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

Location Category: Other, specify

Other Location Category:

Apartment Complex

What type of custody/facility was the Decedent in at the time of death:

Type of Custody: Police Custody
(pre-booking)

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: 4/26/2026 7:22 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?: 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:

Unlawful Possession of a Prohibited Weapon

Offense 2:

Evading Arrest/Detention

Offense 3:

Were the Charges:: Filed

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: 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): Unknown

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?:	Yes
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: Yes, mark which restraint devices were used

Type of restraint

Type of Restraint: Handcuffs; Other device, specify

Other device, specify: Wrap

Summary of Incident

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

Summary:

On April 26, 2026, officers with the Houston Police Department North Belt Division were dispatched to a "Suspicious Person with a Weapon" call. Officers were advised of a vehicle that had parked at an apartment complex, with its occupants exiting and entering an adjacent complex, attempting to rob citizens.

Officers were further informed that there were four male suspects, all wearing masks, and that at least one suspect was reportedly brandishing a firearm. Upon arrival, officers coordinated with HPD Air Support to establish a perimeter. As officers were setting up the perimeter, the suspects observed a marked patrol unit and fled on foot. Officers initiated a foot pursuit.

All four suspects were apprehended at the scene. One of the suspects, (Jeremiah Pruitt) was non-compliant

with officers and was placed into a wrap restraint. The suspect's speech was incoherent, and he was unable to complete statements. It is unknown if the suspect was under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Houston Fire Department personnel responded to the scene and evaluated the suspect.

The suspect was subsequently transported to the Harris County Jail, where they began assessing the suspect. While speaking with the suspect, they were informed that he suffered from Sickle Cell Disease. The suspect was transported by Houston Fire Department Ambulance 009, to St. Joseph Hospital.

The suspect was admitted to the hospital following transport. On the morning of April 27, 2027, the suspect became unresponsive. Medical staff initiated life-saving measures. However, the suspect was pronounced deceased by a hospital physician. The decedent was identified as Jeremiah Pruitt.

On May 1, 2026, I spoke to the Harris County Medical Examiner's office and was informed an autopsy has been done but the primary cause of death is still pending.