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ATTORNEY GENERAL *of* TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number: 26-556-UF

Version Type: ORIGINAL
VERSION

Report Date: 7/23/2026 2:42 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: Daniel

Middle Name: Edward

Last Name: Kennedy

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 3/28/1983

Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

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: 6/27/2026 2:57 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 6/27/2026 9:04 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: Suicide

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Suicide, Gunshot wound to the Head

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?: Decedent

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: 7676 Phoenix Dr.
#1522

City: Houston

County: Harris

Zip: 77030

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:

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:

Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon FV

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: 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): No

Make suicidal statements?: Yes

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?: Yes

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: 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 Saturday, June 27, 2026, uniformed patrol officers of the Houston Police Department (HPD), Southwest Patrol responded to a priority 2 call for service regarding a Family Disturbance with a Weapon. Upon arrival to the scene, officers made contact with the decedent's wife and learned that the decedent had physically assaulted her and brandished a firearm. They also learned from the decedent's wife that he was still inside the residence with a firearm. Officers attempted to speak with the decedent and gave him several commands for him to exit the residence, but he refused to comply. The decedent eventually barricaded himself in the bedroom of the residence.

HPD SWAT arrived on the scene and after obtaining a search warrant, they deployed a drone equipped with a camera system through a broken window of the residence. They observed via the drone that the decedent was lying face down on the floor with an apparent gunshot wound to the head. SWAT officers made physical entry into the residence and confirmed the suspect was deceased.

Paramedics of the Houston Fire Department (HFD) made entry into the residence and observed the decedent lying face down on the floor of the bedroom. The observed that he had a gunshot wound to the middle of the forehead, he was not breathing and was cold to the touch. The HFD paramedics pronounced the decedent's time of death at 9:04 p.m.

The Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences was notified of this incident and sent Investigator E. Sanders

to conduct the initial scene investigation. The Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences conducted an autopsy of the decedent and ruled this death as a suicide due to a single gunshot wound to the head. The incident has been documented under ML26-2310. The autopsy report is pending.

The decedent's wife sustained minor, non-life-threatening injuries as a result of being physically assaulted by the decedent. No officers or any other parties were injured during the incident.