



# KEN PAXTON

## ATTORNEY GENERAL *of* TEXAS

### CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

## Agency Information

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PA Number: PA16088C

Report Date: 3/9/2016 8:58 AM

Status: Submitted

## Agency/Facility Information

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Department ID: 358

Department Type: COCONST

Agency Name: Harris County  
Constable Precinct  
6

Agency Number: TX1015100

Agency Phone: 7139239156

Agency Address: 333 Lockwood

Agency City: Houston

Agency County: Harris

Agency State: TX

Agency Zip: 77011

## Director Information

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Director Salutation:

Constable

Director First Name:

Hidalgo

Director Middle Name:

Director Last Name:

Martinez

Reporter Name: Lieutenant J. D.  
Rosenthal

Reporter Email: Jeffrey.Rosenthal@cn6.hctx.net

## Location / Custody Information

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Where did the event causing the death occur?

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Street Address: 3200 Telephone  
Road

City: Houston

County: Harris

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

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Type of Custody:

Police Custody (pre-booking)

Specific type of custody/facility:

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Specific Type of Custody/Facility:

Custody of Peace Officer during/fleeing arrest

Custody Type Facility:

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):

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Entry Date Time:

Entry Date Time N/A: ☒

Where did the death occur?

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Death Location: At the crime/arrest  
scene

Death Location Elsewhere:

## Decedent Information

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### Identity of Deceased

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First Name: Baltazar

Middle Name:

Last Name: Silva-Ramos

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 1/6/1976

Sex: Male

Ethnicity: Hispanic

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

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Death Date and Time: 2/23/2016 11:13  
AM

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

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Date/Time of Custody or Incident:

2/23/2016 11:13 AM

## Manner / Cause of Death

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Has a medical examiner or coroner conducted an evaluation to determine a cause of death?

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Medical Examiner/Coroner Evaluation?:

Yes, results pending

What was the manner of death? (select only one)

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Manner of Death:

Other

Manner of Death Description:

Pending Medical Examiner Report

Death Reason:

Don't know

Medical Cause of Death:

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Medical Cause of Death:

Pending Medical Examiner Report

Had the decedent been receiving treatment for the medical condition that caused the death after admission to your jail's jurisdiction?

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Medical Treatment:

Not Applicable

If death was an accident, homicide or suicide, who caused the death?

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Who caused the death?:

Law enforcement/correctional staff

Death Causer Other:

If a weapon caused the death, what type of weapon caused the death? (mark all that apply)

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Type of Death Weapon:

Handgun

Was the cause of death the result of a pre-existing medical condition or did the decedent develop the condition after admission?

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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?

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Means of Death:

Firearm

## General Information

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What were the most serious offense(s) with which the deceased was (or would have been) charged with at the time of death?

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Offense 1:

Attempted Capital Murder of a Police Officer

Offense 2:

Offense 3:

Were the Charges::

Not filed at time of death

What were the types of charges or reason for contact?

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Type of Offense:

## Injuries of Decedent

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Injured By: Injured by Officer

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

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Appear intoxicated (alcohol or drugs): No

Exhibit any mental health problems?:

Exhibit any medical problems?:

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

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Threaten the officer(s) involved: Yes

Resist being handcuffed or arrested?: Yes

Try to escape/flee from custody: No

Grab, hit or fight with the officer(s): Yes

Other Behavior:



Specify Other Behavior:

Use weapon threaten/assault officer(s): 1

Was the deceased under restraint in the time leading up to the death or the events causing the death?

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Under Restraint:

No

## Summary of Incident

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

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Summary:

The machete-wielding suspect threatened a deputy who responded to the location after being dispatched to the location regarding a disturbance. The location was the large outside parking lot of a commercial bus transportation terminal located at 3200 Telephone Road, Houston. Using the machete in a threatening and aggressive manner, the suspect demanded that deputy's patrol car keys and also used the machete to

break out the driver's door window to enter the patrol car. The suspect wanted to leave the location in the deputy's patrol car. The suspect was upset due to the fact he was not able to board a particular bus. Additional deputies responded to the initial deputy's radio call for emergency help and were confronted by the still machete-wielding suspect. The suspect threatened additional deputies with the machete. The suspect also repeatedly stated, "shoot me, shoot me" causing deputies to believe the suspect's intent was "suicide by cop". After more than 10 minutes of deputies repeatedly trying to calm the suspect and verbally directing him in both English and Spanish to drop the machete, an on-duty Houston Police officer fired his taser at the suspect. The taser deployment had no effect upon the suspect and he immediately responded by raising the machete in an attack-ready stance and ran at full speed toward the police officer in an obvious attempt to kill or seriously injure him. It was at this time a deputy discharged his weapon at the suspect in an attempt to stop the suspect from killing or seriously injuring the Houston police officer.