



KEN PAXTON

ATTORNEY GENERAL *of* TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

PA Number: PA16164C

Report Date: 3/23/2016 12:00 AM

Status: Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Department ID: 355

Department Type: COCONST

Agency Name: Harris County
Constable Precinct
3

Agency Number: TX1014800

Agency Phone: 2814274791

Agency Address: 701 W. Baker Rd.

Agency City: Baytown

Agency County: HARRIS

Agency State: TX

Agency Zip: 77521

Director Information

Director Salutation:

Constable

Director First Name:

Ken

Director Middle Name:

Director Last Name:

Jones

Reporter Name: Gary Almeida Lt.

Reporter Email: gary.almeida@cn3.hctx.net

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address: 1040 Freeport St.

City: Houston

County: Harris

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

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):

Entry Date Time:

Entry Date Time N/A: ☒

Where did the death occur?

Death Location: At medical facility

Death Location Elsewhere:

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Eric

Middle Name: Russell

Last Name: Deese

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 4/19/1972

Sex: Male

Ethnicity: Anglo

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

Death Date and Time: 3/4/2016 11:05 AM

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident:

3/4/2016 11:05 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 pending

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

Manner of Death:

Suicide

Manner of Death Description:

Death Reason:

Injuries only

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Gunshot wound to head

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?:

Not applicable; cause of death was suicide, intoxication or illness/natural causes

Death Causer Other:

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

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?

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

General Information

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:

Outstanding felony warrants

Offense 2:

Offense 3:

Were the Charges::

Filed

What were the types of charges or reason for contact?

Type of Offense:

Injuries of Decedent

Injured By: Injured by Suicide

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

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:

Threaten the officer(s) involved: No

Resist being handcuffed or arrested?: No

Try to escape/flee from custody: Yes

Grab, hit or fight with the officer(s): No

Other Behavior:



Specify Other Behavior:

Use weapon threaten/assault officer(s): 0

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

Under Restraint:

Yes

Summary of Incident

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

Summary:

Harris County Pct. 3 Constable deputies responded to a man (the decedent) with a gun call. Deputies attempted to detain decedent who had a firearm in his hand pointing at his head. Decedent did not follow directions from deputies and turned away from deputies and walked off. Decedent was to walk behind a wall when a Pct. 3 deputy deployed an electronic control weapon (TASER) to avoid losing sight of decedent and becoming an officer safety issue. Decedent during the ECW application lowered the weapon to his side and upon the 5 second application concluding raised the firearm and shot himself in the head. Decedent was transported by EMS to hospital where he died during hospital emergency care.

