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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

PA Number: PA16335C

Report Date: 8/2/2016 11:24 AM

Status: Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Department ID: 13

Department Type: POLICE

Agency Name: Alvin Police Dept.

Agency Number: TX0200100

Agency Phone: 2813884370

Agency Address: 1500 S. Gordan

Agency City: Alvin

Agency County: Brazoria

Agency State: TX

Agency Zip: 77511

Director Information

Director Salutation:

Chief

Director First Name:

Robert

Director Middle Name:

E.

Director Last Name:

Lee

Reporter Name: Michael farmer

Reporter Email: mfarmer@cityofalvin.com

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address: railroad tracks @
Mustang bayou

City: Alvin

County: Brazoria

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:

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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):

Entry Date Time:

Entry Date Time N/A: ☒

Where did the death occur?

Death Location: At the crime/arrest
scene

Death Location Elsewhere:

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Curtis

Middle Name: James

Last Name: Alfred

Suffix: Jr

Date of Birth: 11/6/1987

Sex: Male

Ethnicity: African-American

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

Death Date and Time: 8/1/2016 1:00 AM

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident:

8/1/2016 12:45 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:

Gun shot 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?:

Deceased

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:

Assault bodily injury (choking)

Offense 2:

Offense 3:

Were the Charges::

Not filed at time of death

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:

No

Summary of Incident

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

Summary:

~~~On Sunday, July 31, just after 11:00 PM, the Alvin Police Department was notified by a female Alvin resident that her estranged husband, Curtis Alfred, 28, was on his way to her home in the 300 block of North Bates Street. Ms. Alfred advised her husband owned a handgun, but was unsure if it was in his possession at the time. The wife also warned that Alfred previously stated he would not go back to jail. The Alvin Police Department held an open felony warrant for Assault stemming from an incident in the couple's home just days earlier during which Alfred assaulted his wife.

When officers arrived in the area they discovered Alfred's vehicle parked, running, but unoccupied several blocks away from the home. The officer's located Alfred near his estranged wife's home, but when they attempted to contact him he fled on foot into a wooded area. The officer's observed that Mr. Alfred appeared to be trying to conceal something in his waistband as he ran.

The Houston Police Department dispatched a helicopter to the area to assist with the search. Officers from the Brazoria County Sheriff's office and Alvin Community College Police Department also assisted in the search which spanned approximately one and a half hours. During the search of residential yards and heavily wooded areas the suspect was seen several times.

At approximately 12:50 AM, officers spotted Alfred running southbound and then cross over the railroad tracks. Just after he descended the track embankment and out of view the officers heard a single, muffled gunshot. As the officers gave chase and crossed the tracks they observed Alfred lying in the ditch with an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head. Alfred was pronounced dead at the scene.