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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

PA Number: PA16342C

Report Date: 8/9/2016 2:06 PM

Status: Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Department ID: 399

Department Type: POLICE

Agency Name: Houston Police
Dept.

Agency Number: TXHPD0000

Agency Phone: 7133081600

Agency Address: 1200 Travis

Agency City: Houston

Agency County: Harris

Agency State: TX

Agency Zip: 77002

Director Information

Director Salutation:

Acting Chief

Director First Name:

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Director Middle Name:

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Director Last Name:

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Reporter Name: Off SA
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Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address: 13800 Gulf Fwy SR
IB

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:

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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: Gary

Middle Name: Leonard

Last Name: Blalock

Suffix: Jr.

Date of Birth: 9/8/1978

Sex: Male

Ethnicity: Anglo

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

Death Date and Time: 7/28/2016 12:30
AM

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident:

7/28/2016 12:30 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 are available

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:

Contact gunshot wound of 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:

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:

Felony DWI

Offense 2:

Evading arrest in motor vehicle

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): Yes

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:

At approximately 12:30 am on Thursday, July 28, 2016, a two-man marked DWI Task Force unit, observed a tan Ford Crown Victoria commit several DWI related moving traffic violations in the 17000 blk of the Gulf Fwy

Service Road. They initiated a traffic stop, and one officer approached the suspect on the driver's side while the other officer approached the passenger side of the vehicle. The officer on the driver's side asked the suspect for his license several times, and the suspect responded that he was not supposed to be driving. As this officer briefly conversed with the suspect, The officer on the passenger side observed a pistol next to the suspect's right leg. The officer informed his partner of the gun, and the suspect revved the vehicle, put it in gear, and drove away at a high rate of speed. The officers ran back to their patrol vehicle in an attempt to pursue the suspect, observing the tail lights of his vehicle far in the distance. Both officers briefly lost sight of the suspect's vehicle, and as they approached the 13800 blk of the Gulf Fwy Service Road, the officers noticed that the vehicle had crashed and was facing sideways along the on ramp to the Gulf Fwy main lanes. A felony stop was initiated; however, the suspect did not respond to commands. Once back up arrived, the officers approached the vehicle and observed the suspect dead from a single gunshot wound of the head. A semi-automatic .380 pistol rested in his lap. The officers did not witness the suicide or hear the gunshot. The suspect was identified as 37 year old Gary Leonard Blalock, Jr. Blalock has a lengthy criminal history with three prior convictions for DWI. His third DWI resulted in a felony conviction and ten years of probation. He also had prior arrests for felon in possession of a weapon and UCW.