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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

PA Number: PA16439C

Report Date: 10/3/2016 1:01 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:

Martha

Director Middle Name:

I.

Director Last Name:

Montalvo

Reporter Name: off SA Reyes
(Info provided by
Lt WL Meeler)

Reporter Email: stephanie.reyes@houstonpolice.org

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address: 12900 Southwest
Fwy OB

City: Stafford

County: Fort Bend

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:

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: Marvin

Middle Name: Wallace

Last Name: Williams

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 4/29/1993

Sex: Male

Ethnicity: African-American

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

Death Date and Time: 9/19/2016 3:30 AM

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident:

9/19/2016 3:15 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:

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:

Murder

Offense 2:

Aggravated Assault against a Police Officer

Offense 3:

Felony Evading

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:

Shot at officers with firearm

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 Monday, September 19, 2016, Marvin Wallace Martin, III shot at a Houston Police Department Patrol Officer several times with a pistol during a vehicle pursuit before committing suicide in a moving vehicle in the 12900 blk of the Southwest Fwy in Stafford, Fort Bend County. Martin was a suspect in the shooting murder of his girlfriend in the city of La Marque approximately 2 hours prior to this incident. No officer discharged a firearm or made physical contact with Martin. A uniformed patrol officer in a marked police vehicle observed Martin driving the wrong way on a one way street in the 2000 blk of Smith St in Downtown Houston at approximately 3:15 am. The officer initiated a traffic stop that led to a vehicle pursuit. Martin entered the Gulf Fwy south of Downtown where he held a pistol out of the driver's side window and fired at least three shots at the pursuing officer. Martin continued to evade and ended up travelling south bound on the Southwest Fwy where the vehicle began to lose control before exiting the freeway and striking a telephone pole in the 12900 blk of Southwest Fwy Service Rd outbound in Stafford, Fort Bend County, TX at approximately 3:30 am. Officers approached the vehicle and discovered Martin to have a self-inflicted gunshot wound of the head. A 9mm Glock pistol was located near the body. Based on the position of the body and actions of the vehicle prior to striking the telephone pole it is believed that Martin committed suicide prior to the vehicle striking the pole. At the time of the incident, Martin was being investigated for the murder of his girlfriend in La Marque, Texas. The murder happened approximately 2 hours prior to initiation of the pursuit.