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## ATTORNEY GENERAL *of* TEXAS

### CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

## Agency Information

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CDR Number: PA16090C

Version Type: ORIGINAL  
VERSION

Report Date: 3/9/2016 10:48 AM

Status: Submitted

## Agency/Facility Information

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Agency Name: Azle Police Dept.

Agency Address: 613 S.E. Pkwy

Agency City: Azle

Agency State: TX

Agency Zip: 76020

## Director Information

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Director Salutation: Chief

Director First Name: Rick

Director Middle Name:

Director Last Name: Pippins

Reporter Name: Rick Pippins

Reporter Email: rpippins@cityofazle.org

## Decedent Information

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### Identity of Deceased

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First Name: Mark

Middle Name: Damien

Last Name: Minnick

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 5/18/1964

Sex: Male

Race:

Age At Time Of Death: 51

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

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Date/Time of Custody or  
Incident: 3/6/2016 8:21 PM

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

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Death Date and Time: 3/6/2016 9:38 PM

## 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 Yes, results  
Evaluation?: pending

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

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Manner of Death: Justifiable Homicide

## Medical Cause of Death:

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Medical Cause of Death:

Multiple gunshot wounds

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

If a weapon caused the death, what type of weapon caused the death? (Hold CTRL to select all that apply)

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Type of weapon that caused  
death?: 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

## Location / Custody Information

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Where did the event causing the death occur?

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Street Address: 633 Alameda

City: Azle

County: Tarrant

Zip:

What location category best describes where the event causing the death occurred?

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Location Category:

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

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 medical facility

## General Information

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Did any other law enforcement agencies respond to calls for service related to this incident?

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Other Agencies Respond?:

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:

Deadly Conduct

Offense 2:

Discharging a Firearm

Offense 3:

Were the Charges:: Not filed at time of death

What were the types of charges or reason for contact? (Hold CTRL to select all that apply)

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Type of Offense:

At any time during the incident and/or entry into the law enforcement facility, did the decedent display or use a weapon?

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Decedent display/use of weapons:

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

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Attempt to Injure Others?:

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

Make suicidal statements?:

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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| Barricade self or initiate<br>standoff?:     | Resist being handcuffed or<br>arrested?:     | No |
| Physically attempt/assault<br>officer(s):    | Gain possession of officer's<br>weapon:      |    |
| Verbally threaten other(s)<br>including law: | Escape or attempt to<br>escape/flee custody: |    |
| Attempt gain possession<br>officer's weapon: |                                              |    |

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:

On Sunday, March 6, 2016, at approximately 8:21 PM, Azle Police Department officers responded to a report of a man firing a gun in the 600 block of Alameda Road in Azle. When the first officer arrived, he encountered a white male subject who was armed with a handgun. The officer ordered the man to drop the weapon. Instead, the subject advanced toward the officer and pointed the weapon at him. The officer then discharged his department issued sidearm, striking the subject multiple times in the torso. An Azle Fire Department ambulance was summoned immediately, as responding police officers administered emergency first aid to the subject. The man was taken by ambulance to the Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital Azle helipad, where they were met by a care-flight helicopter which flew the subject to John Peter Smith Hospital. At approximately 9:38 PM the man was pronounced dead at JPS Hospital. The Tarrant County Medical Examiner's Office was notified. At approximately 8:55 PM, Azle Police Department made contact with the Texas Department of Public Safety, Texas Rangers. Texas Rangers from Company "B" will take the lead in the investigation of the officer involved shooting, assisted by Azle Police Department investigators and the Tarrant County Sheriff's Department Crime Scene Unit. The name of the officer and the name of the deceased are not being released at this time, pending further investigation and notification of next of kin. This information may be forthcoming in a supplemental news release. Further information regarding the criminal investigation should be referred to the Texas Rangers.