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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

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Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Houston Police Dept.	Agency Address:	1200 Travis
Agency City:	Houston	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	77002		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Acting Chief	Director First Name:	Martha
Director Middle Name:	I.		
Director Last Name:	Montalvo		
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Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Alva

Middle Name: Burnett

Last Name: Braziel

Suffix: Mr.

Date of Birth: 2/2/1978 Sex: Male

Race:

Age At Time Of Death: 38

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 7/9/2016 12:39 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 7/9/2016 12:39 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: Justifiable Homicide

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Multiple perforating and penetrating gunshot wounds of neck, torso and lower extremities

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?: Law enforcement/correctional staff

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

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?

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

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address:	6700 Cullen Blvd	City:	Houston
County:	Harris	Zip:	

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

Location Category:

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

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

General Information

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

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?

Offense 1:

Aggravated Assault (Peace Officer)

Offense 2:

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)

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?

Decedent display/use of weapons:

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

Attempt to Injure Others?:

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

Appear intoxicated (alcohol or drugs): Yes

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:

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

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 Saturday, July 9, 2016, at approximately 12:39 AM, Crime Reduction Unit (CRU) Officers E. Macias and L. E. Lopez, while on a routine patrol, were driving northbound on Cullen Boulevard. Officers Macias and Lopez (Unit #2455) were driving a marked police vehicle and wearing city-issued uniforms. The officers were in the area maintaining visibility and on active patrol. While driving northbound on Cullen Boulevard, the officers saw from a distance, a person later identified as Alva Braziel, standing in the moving lane of traffic of Cullen Boulevard. Surveillance video from a nearby convenience store showed that Alva Braziel fired approximately 2 shots just prior to officers' arrival. As the officers drove closer, they saw Alva Braziel raising his left hand above his head and his right arm extended toward them. Initially, the officers thought Alva Braziel was attempting to stop them. However, as the officers slowed down and used their spotlight from their vehicle to illuminate Alva Braziel, they immediately saw Alva Braziel pointing a gun directly at them with his right hand. The officers stopped their vehicle in the 6700 block of Cullen Boulevard, just south of Ward Street, after having identified Alva Braziel as being a threat to their safety and the safety of the public. The officers used their vehicle for cover and gave Alva Braziel several clear and concise verbal commands to “put the weapon down.” Alva Braziel did not fully comply; instead, he raised the gun and pointed it upward. The officers continued to give Alva Braziel the command to drop the weapon, but he again refused to comply. Alva Braziel changed his stance, and after a couple of seconds, began lowering his right hand, which was still holding a pistol, directly towards the officers. The officers feared for their safety and discharged their weapons striking Alva Braziel several times, as a result. Alva Braziel succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced deceased at the scene by HFD Squad #46. Alva Braziel had prior arrests for Delivery of a Controlled Substance, Possession of a Controlled Substance, Evading Arrest, Resisting Arrest, Possession of Marijuana, Unlawful Carrying of a Weapon and Burglary of a Motor Vehicle. There was no record of Alva Braziel utilizing Mental Health services in the City of Houston.