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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number: 17-224-C

Version Type: AMENDED

Report Date: 5/2/2017 2:21 PM

Status: Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name: Dallas Police Dept.

Agency Address: 1400 S. Lamar
Street

Agency City: Dallas

Agency State: TX

Agency Zip: 75215

Director Information

Director Salutation: Other

Director First Name: Christina

Director Middle Name:

Director Last Name: Smith

Reporter Name: Earnest Merritt

Reporter Email: e.merritt@dpd.dallascityhall.com

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Derick

Middle Name: Lamont

Last Name: Brown

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 1/30/1981

Sex: Male

Race: Black or African
American

Age At Time Of Death: 36

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

Date/Time of Custody or
Incident: 5/1/2017 11:30 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 5/1/2017 11:40 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

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Based on the autopsy and history available to the Medical Examiner, it is their opinion the subject died as a result of a gunshot wound to the head. The firearm wound of the left thigh was minor and noncontributory to death.

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?: Decedent

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?: Rifle/shotgun

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: 3215 Reynolds
Avenue

City: Dallas

County: Dallas

Zip: 75206

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

Location Category: Residence/Home

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 Law Enforcement Personnel 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: Scene of incident

General Information

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

Other Agencies Respond?: Yes

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 Public Servant

Offense 3:

Aggravated Assault

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: Violent Crime
Against Persons

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: Yes, mark all that apply

Decedent Display or Use Weapon Details: Discharged firearm

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

Attempt to Injure Others?: Yes (select all that apply)

Injured law enforcement personnel;
Attempted to injure law enforcement

Ways Decedent Attempted To Injure Others: personnel; Killed civilian(s) or other inmate(s); Injured civilian(s) or other inmate(s); Attempted to injure civilian(s) or other inmate(s)

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

Appear intoxicated (alcohol or drugs):	Unknown	Make suicidal statements?:	Unknown
Exhibit any mental health problems?:	Unknown	Exhibit any medical problems?:	N/A

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

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

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 May 1, 2017, at approximately 11:30 a.m., a witness called, 911 believing a male had shot himself inside the house at 3215 Reynolds Avenue. The witness was frightened and did not want to go back inside the residence. The situation began to change and the witness began to describe her neighbor getting shot in his front yard. Moments later, the civilian complainant's brother called 911 and a Disturbance Active Shooter Call

was dispatched. The caller stated the civilian complainant had been shot and the suspect was shooting at different houses.

Rescue 19 quickly arrived at the scene. Firefighters operating an ambulance arrived and observed the civilian complainant laying on the ground. The firefighter complainant exited the ambulance to render aid, and the other firefighter exited the driver side with his equipment. The firefighter complainant met his partner at the back of the ambulance and told him they had to get out of there, a man with a rifle was walking toward them. The firefighters were unable to get back inside the ambulance because the man, later identified as the subject, was aiming a rifle and shooting it at them. The firefighters were trapped at the back of the ambulance and decided to run for safety. Before they attempted to escape, they saw the civilian complainant get shot again by the subject. One fireman was able to escape, but the firefighter complainant was shot as he ran and fell on the grass adjacent to the roadway. Engine 19 was staffed with several firefighters and parked approximately 1 block away from the shooting and saw the firefighter complainant get shot.

A few moments later, officers arrived from the east and observed the subject standing next to the ambulance. As the officers approached, the subject fired at them and began to walk across the street. At some point when being shot at, one officer received a minor wound to his right calf, probably from shrapnel. Officers approached and made contact with the civilian complainant who was still laying on the ground. Additional officers arrived from the west side of the roadway. The subject was between two houses across from the ambulance and pointed his rifle at the officers. It was at this point an officer fired his shotgun at the subject. The subject fled and the officers began to tend to the two complainants and set a perimeter. Additional officers arrived and began to aid the two complainants.

The subject ran into an alley and doubled back into his house at 3215 Reynolds Avenue. SWAT arrived and secured the area. They were eventually able to isolate the subject's house and made entry with the robot. SWAT discovered the subject deceased inside the house. Upon further investigation, a second deceased person was discovered inside the residence. Multiple fact witnesses, including the first witness, were interviewed. The subject had displayed mental health issues. At this point, it is not known if the subject was intoxicated during the offense. The Medical Examiner processed the subject and discovered a defect on his leg. This is believed to be a wound caused by the officer firing the shotgun. The subject is believed to have died as a result of a self-inflicted gunshot wound. The second deceased person was killed by the subject before he began shooting outside his house.