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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number: 17-449-UF

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Report Date: 10/24/2018 3:25 PM

Status: Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name: Waco Police Dept.

Agency Address: 3115 Pine

Agency City: Waco

Agency State: TX

Agency Zip: 76708

Director Information

Director Salutation: Chief

Director First Name: Ryan

Director Middle Name:

Director Last Name: Holt

Reporter Name: V.R. Price, Jr.

Reporter Email: jprice@wacotx.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Kerry

Middle Name: Demars

Last Name: Bradley

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 1/12/1980

Sex: Male

Race: Black or African
American

Age At Time Of Death: 37

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

Date/Time of Custody or
Incident: 8/1/2017 10:12 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 8/1/2017 10:52 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: Homicide (includes
Justifiable
Homicide)

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Multiple gunshot wounds (6) to head, right shoulder, back and right arm. Medical Examiner Conclusion: Died as a result of multiple gunshot wounds. Toxicology: Negative for alcohol, Positive for Marihuana / Cannabinoids

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
personnel

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: N. 23rd & Olive
Streets

City: Waco

County: McLennan

Zip: 76708

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

Location Category: Roadway/highway/street/sidewalk

What type of custody/facility was the Decedent in at the time of death:

Type of Custody: Pre-Custodial Use
of Force

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: Dead on arrival at
medical facility

General Information

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

Other Agencies Respond?: No

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:

Attempted Capital Murder of a Peace Officer

Offense 2:

Evading Arrest / Detention with a Motor Vehicle causing Serious Bodily Injury

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: Alcohol / drug 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: Yes, mark all that apply

Decedent Display or Use Weapon Details: Used vehicle as weapon

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

Yes (select all that

Attempt to Injure Others?: apply)

Ways Decedent Attempted To Injure Others: Attempted to injure law enforcement personnel

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

Appear intoxicated (alcohol or drugs):	No	Make suicidal statements?:	No
Exhibit any mental health problems?:	No	Exhibit any medical problems?:	No

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

Barricade self or initiate standoff?:	No	Resist being handcuffed or arrested?:	No
Physically attempt/assault officer(s):	No	Gain possession of officer's weapon:	No
Verbally threaten other(s) including law:	No	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 August 1, 2017, Waco PD SWAT Officers were conducting a joint operation with detectives of the Waco PD Drug Enforcement Unit. The operation consisted of executing a narcotics search warrant at a private residence and to stop the suspect in his vehicle, prior to him arriving at the residence. On same date, less than 30 minutes prior to the traffic stop of the suspect, narcotics detectives were conducting surveillance of the suspect and observed the him go to a private residence. They documented that a drug transaction had taken place, and narcotics detectives also confirmed that he was driving the target vehicle, a 2002 GMC

Yukon. Detectives then notified the SWAT officers of the suspect's direction of travel, and also gave confirmation that they could make the traffic stop on the suspect and his vehicle.

At approximately 10:12 AM, SWAT officers initiated a lawful vehicle stop on the suspect, (Kerry Bradley) near the intersection of N. 23rd & Olive Streets. A controlled vehicle stop known as a Vehicle Intercept Tactic was being used, which utilizes front and rear blocking vehicles to isolate the target vehicle between the two unmarked police vehicles. Once initiated and the stop is made, officers exit their vehicles and take up positions to further isolate the target vehicle and the suspect. Once they initiated the stop of Mr. Bradley's vehicle, utilizing red / blue emergency lighting of their vehicles, officers began exiting their cars. Mr. Bradley saw what was occurring and immediately accelerated his SUV and turned out of the blocking maneuver. In doing so, he struck a private vehicle in his attempt to evade detention. Mr. Bradley also turned his vehicle back into the direction of where an officer was standing and yelling at him, "POLICE, STOP, STOP." He continued to accelerate until he struck the officer with the right front quarter of his vehicle. Mr. Bradley had now used his motor vehicle as a deadly weapon against the officer to inflict serious bodily injury or death. Mr. Bradley did not stop and continued his attempt to evade and escape, and in doing so he was now dragging the officer who was trapped underneath the large SUV. The event was rapidly unfolding and had become extremely dynamic. Several SWAT officers then engaged Mr. Bradley with deadly force since he had already struck an officer and would not obey their lawful commands to STOP. They reacted to his use of deadly force and out of their immediate fear that the officer was being dragged to his death.

Kerry Bradley was struck by the officers gunfire, thus causing the vehicle to stop accelerating and come to a stop. Officers removed Mr. Bradley from his vehicle to provide medical attention; while at the same time other officers worked frantically to physically lift the vehicle off the ground and cut the officer from the drive train of the SUV. The officer and Mr. Bradley were transported to a local hospital. Kerry Bradley was pronounced deceased upon his arrival at the Emergency Room, and had died from apparent gunshot wounds.