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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	17-617-UF	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	11/27/2017 4:43 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Harris County Constable Precinct 4	Agency Address:	6831 Cypresswood Dr.
Agency City:	Spring	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	77379		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Constable	Director First Name:	Mark
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Herman		

Reporter Name:	Michael Combest	Reporter Email:	michael.combest@cd4.hctx.net.inactive

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Joshua

Middle Name: Julian

Last Name: Howard

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 5/4/1997

Sex: Male

Race: Black or African American

Age At Time Of Death: 20

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 11/25/2017 4:10 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 11/25/2017 5:20 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 pending

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

Manner of Death: Suicide

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Self inflicted gun show wound to 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?: 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?: 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:	21723 May Apple Ct.	City:	Cypress
County:	Harris	Zip:	77433

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

Location Category: Other, specify

Other Location Category:

Gated residential yard at rear of above location.

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: Medical facility

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:

Burglary of Motor Vehicle (Texas Penal Code 30.04)

Offense 2:

Evading (Texas Penal Code 38.04)

Offense 3:

Unlawful Carry of Weapon(Texas Penal Code 46.02)

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: Other, specify; Crime Against Property

Type of Offense, Other:

Evading on foot from Law Enforcement Personnel seeking to detain him in referenced to a Burglary to Motor Vehicles investigation.

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?:	No

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?:	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 the date of November 25, 2017, peace officers responded to a report of two people attempting to unlawfully enter motor vehicles in the 15200 block of Green Whisper Drive, a location in Harris County, Texas. The suspects involved began fleeing in an attempt to avoid detention and/or arrest. The first suspect was detained by use of a police canine and found to be in possession of a stolen handgun. The second

suspect (decedent) was located by a law enforcement helicopter and the police canine was then directed to his location. When the police canine and handler entered the gated, residential yard where the decedent was located, a pop was heard and then contact between the police canine and the decedent took place. The decedent was found to have a self-inflicted gun show wound to the head. Emergency medical care was summoned, transporting the decedent via life flight to a medical facility. The decedent was pronounced deceased by medical personnel.