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ATTORNEY GENERAL *of* TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number: 17-659-UF

Version Type: ORIGINAL
VERSION

Report Date: 12/11/2017 5:12
PM

Status: Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name: La Marque Police
Dept.

Agency Address: 431 Bayou Rd.

Agency City: La Marque

Agency State: TX

Agency Zip: 77568

Director Information

Director Salutation: Chief

Director First Name: Kirk

Director Middle Name:

Director Last Name: Jackson

Reporter Name: Kirk Jackson

Reporter Email: k.jackson@cityoflamarque.org

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Gregory

Middle Name:

Last Name: Hamm

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 2/28/1955

Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 62

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 12/3/2017 10:30 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 12/3/2017 10:30 PM

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: Other - specify

Manner of Death Description:

Officer used deadly force. Officer discharged his duty weapon at the deceased.

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Gunshot wound to cranium.

Had the decedent been receiving treatment for the medical condition that caused the death after admission to your jail's jurisdiction?

Medical Treatment: Unknown

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?: 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?: Could not be
determined

If death was an accident, homicide or suicide, what was the means of death?

Means of Death: Other, specify

Means of Death Other: Officer used deadly
force by discharging
his firearm.

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address: 803 Retama

City: La Marque

County: Galveston

Zip: 77568

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: Pre-Custodial Use
of Force

Specific type of custody/facility:

Specific Type of Custody/Facility:

N/A

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?: 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:

Burglary of a Habitation with Intent to Commit Other Felony

Offense 2:

Aggravated Assault on a Public Servant

Offense 3:

Burglary of a Habitation (warrant)

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;
Crime Against
Property

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: Displayed other weapon, specify:

Specify Weapon Displayed:

Sword

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)

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): Unknown

Make suicidal statements?: Unknown

Exhibit any mental health problems?: Unknown

Exhibit any medical problems?: Unknown

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?: N/A

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: No

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:

Officers were called to the scene after the deceased broke into a neighbor's house while in possession of a sword. Deceased threatened the neighbor with the sword before taking food items from the residence and leaving.

Officers were told that the suspect's location was in a structure that he used as a residence. Due to the violent nature of the suspect, the officers entered the structure with a police K-9. Once the K-9 located the suspect, the suspect charged at the K-9 handler and swung at the officer with the sword. The sword did strike the officer causing minor injuries. The officer discharged his firearm one time striking the suspect.