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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number: 17-678-C

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Report Date: 12/27/2017 8:58 AM

Status: Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name: Houston Police Dept.

Agency Address: 1200 Travis, 16th Floor

Agency City: Houston

Agency State: TX

Agency Zip: 77002

Director Information

Director Salutation: Chief

Director First Name: Art

Director Middle Name:

Director Last Name: Acevedo

Reporter Name: Kimberly Fowler

Reporter Email: kimberly.fowler@houstonpolice.org

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Orlando

Middle Name: Perez

Last Name: Miranda

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 1/26/1977

Sex: Male

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 40

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 12/16/2017 7:40 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 12/16/2017 10:00 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 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:

Complications of cocaine and ethanol toxicity with physical restraint

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?: Unknown whether
decedent sustained
a fatal injury

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?: Unknown

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: Unknown

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address: 9000 Mercury Cove
Ct.

City: Houston

County: Harris

Zip: 77075

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: 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: 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:

Criminal Mischief

Offense 2:

Assault

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: 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:

Pen

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: Injured 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):	Yes	Make suicidal statements?:	Yes
Exhibit any mental health problems?:	Yes	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?:	Yes
Physically attempt/assault officer(s):	No	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: Yes, mark which restraint devices were used

Type of restraint

Type of Restraint: Handcuffs

Summary of Incident

Summary of How the Death Occurred: (max. 30,000 characters)

Summary:

On Sunday, December 17, 2017, the Houston Police Department's Special Investigations Unit (SIU), was notified of a death in-custody incident that occurred on Saturday, December 16, 2017.

Evening Shift Clear Lake Division Patrol units were dispatched to a Citizen Holding Suspect call at 9026 Mercury Cove Ct. Upon arrival, officers observed citizen's restraining an uncooperative suspect who had set several cars on fire. Officers attempted to take the suspect into custody by placing him in handcuffs and a struggle ensued. The only reported force used by officers was that to physically restrain the suspect and place him into handcuffs, which is supported by the officers' body worn camera video. Once the officers gained control of the suspect and handcuffed him, he became unresponsive. Houston Fire Department personnel, who were already on scene due to the car fire, begin to provide emergency medical aid to the arson suspect. The suspect was resuscitated and transported to Southeast Memorial Emergency Room for further treatment.

Medical personnel at Southeast Memorial led officers to believe the suspect was going to live. However, the suspect later passed away at the hospital. An autopsy was performed at the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences on Monday, December 18, 2017 for which the cause and manner of death are noted above. The above listed date and time of death are approximate pending the official ruling by the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences (Medical Examiner's Office).

SIU Investigators are conducting on ongoing in-custody death investigation.