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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

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VERSION

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Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name: Texas Department
Of Public Safety

Agency Address: PO BOX 4087

Agency City: Austin

Agency State: TX

Agency Zip: 78773

Director Information

Director Salutation: Director

Director First Name: Steven

Director Middle Name:

Director Last Name: McCraw

Reporter Name: Joanne
Scarborough

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Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Zane

Middle Name: Elijah

Last Name: Gildon

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 10/21/1996

Sex: Male

Race: Black or African
American

Age At Time Of Death: 21

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

Date/Time of Custody or 1/20/2018 11:22
Incident: PM

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

Death Date and Time: 1/21/2018 12:12
AM

Manner / Cause of Death

Has a medical examiner or coroner conducted an evaluation to determine a cause of death?

Medical Examiner/Coroner Yes, results
Evaluation?: pending

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

Manner of Death: Suicide

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Contact gunshot wound to 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: 1806 Sidney Baker
Street

City: Kerrville

County: Kerr

Zip: 78028

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: 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:

Possession of Marijuana 4oz<5lbs-Felony

Offense 2:

Felon in Possession of Firearms

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: Other, specify

Type of Offense, Other:

Speeding, Evading Arrest

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?: 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?: 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 January 20, 2018, Trooper David Vaughan, # 14014, Highway Patrol, Fredericksburg, attempted to stop a 2014 Blue Nissan, displaying Texas license plate # JJG0944, for speeding (77mph/70 mph). Trooper Vaughan was parked working radar in the 11031 block of State Highway 16 in Gillespie County. The vehicle refused to stop for the red and blue emergency lights and siren continuing to drive south. Trooper Vaughan was notified the Kerrville Police Department had set up spikes at the intersection of SH-16 and Interstate 10 in Kerr County. The spikes were deployed in the 3200 block of SH-16 and the vehicle continued south after running over the spikes. Another set of spikes were deployed but the vehicle drove around them still heading south. The vehicle came to a stop in the 1800 block of SH-16, referred to as Sidney Baker. Trooper Vaughan and the other officers conducted a felony stop on the vehicle giving instructions for the driver, later identified as, Nuresha Latrice Finney-Taylor, DOB 11-15-1995, Texas Identification # 37493043, to exit the vehicle. Finney-Taylor was handcuffed without incident and she told the officers the passenger had a gun shot wound to the head. The officers approached the vehicle and secured it discovering the passenger, later identified as Zane Elijah Gildon, DOB 10-21-1996, Texas ID# 38339350, did have a gun shot wound to the head. A stolen 9mm handgun was found next to Gildon's body, between Gildon's seat and the passengers side door. Emergency Medical Services were called and Gildon was transported to Sid Peterson Hospital in Kerrville. No officers discharged their weapons during this incident and the video captured during this incident showed the

same. The Texas Rangers were called and the vehicle and weapon were turned over to them for processing and further investigation.