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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number: 22-526-C

Version Type: AMENDED

Report Date: 6/24/2022 7:22 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: Troy

Director Middle Name:

Director Last Name: Finner

Reporter Name: Kimberly Fowler

Reporter Email: kimberly.fowler@houstonpolice.org

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Ronnie

Middle Name: Dwayne

Last Name: Cesear

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 3/16/1995

Sex: Male

Race: Black or African
American

Age At Time Of Death: 27

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

Date/Time of Custody or
Incident: 4/5/2022 3:31 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 4/17/2022 10:34
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:

Complications of penetrating gunshot wound of torso with perforations of bowel with necrotizing fasciitis and sepsis

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

Medical Treatment: Yes

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;
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: 811 Buffalo Park Dr.

City: Houston

County: Harris

Zip: 77019

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

Location Category: Other, specify

Other Location Category:

Apartment Complex

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:

Hospital/Infirmary

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:

Capital Murder

Offense 2:

Agg. Assault DW and Agg. Assault by threat

Offense 3:

Aggravated Assault Peace Officer by threat

Were the Charges:: Filed

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;;
Used vehicle as weapon

Specify Weapon Displayed:

Large Kitchen Knife

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; Killed civilian(s) or other inmate(s); Injured civilian(s) or other inmate(s); Attempted to injure 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): Unknown

Make suicidal statements?: Unknown

Exhibit any mental health problems?: Yes

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?: Yes

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: 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: Yes, mark which restraint devices were used

Type of restraint

Type of Restraint: Handcuffs; Leg
Shackles

Summary of Incident

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

Summary:

On Tuesday, April 5, 2022, Houston Police Department patrol officers were dispatched to Stabbing in Progress at 811 Buffalo Park Drive. Hanover Apartments. Officers learned from the call slip that a dark male dressed in all black had driven through the lobby of Hanover Apartments and was attacking people with a kitchen knife.

Upon arrival officers observed a grey pickup truck smashed through the lobby entrance with an injured person laying on the ground. Officers observed a dark complected Hispanic male with curly hair wearing a black shirt and black pants whom they had identified as the suspect, walking away from the apartments.

When the suspect saw the officers he turned around and began walking in their direction. The suspect was seen wielding a large kitchen knife approximately 10" in length. Officers repeatedly gave commands to approaching suspect to stop and drop the knife, but the suspect refused and continued to approach the officers. When the suspect got close enough, he lunged at the officers and the officers discharged their firearms. The suspect was stuck multiple time dropping the knife but getting up and attempting to flee the scene. Officers followed behind utilizing less lethal force and striking the suspect with a taser. Officers detained the suspect and went to render aid on the injured complainant who was pronounced deceased by HFD at 3:31 a.m. The suspect was transported to Ben Taub by HFD.

Officers located an additional complainant who was stabbed in the back multiple times. He was transported to the hospital by HFD, treated for his injuries and later released.

On 04/17/2022, While hospitalized, the suspect Ronnie Cesear Jr., was pronounced deceased by Dr. J. Ward at 10:34 a.m.