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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number: 22-814-UF

Version Type: AMENDED

Report Date: 12/18/2023 2:13 PM

Status: Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name: Lubbock Police Dept.

Agency Address: PO BOX 2000

Agency City: Lubbock

Agency State: TX

Agency Zip: 79457

Director Information

Director Salutation: Chief

Director First Name: Floyd

Director Middle Name:

Director Last Name: Mitchell

Reporter Name: Ross Quarles

Reporter Email: rquarles@mail.ci.lubbock.tx.us

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Phillip

Middle Name:

Last Name: Torres

Suffix: Jr

Date of Birth: 3/15/1992

Sex: Male

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 30

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

Date/Time of Custody or
Incident: 6/1/2022 7:51 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 6/16/2022 2:39 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:

Multiple gunshot wounds.

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?: 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: 2100 67th St

City: Lubbock

County: Lubbock

Zip: 79412

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?: 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:

Aggravated Assault on a Peace Officer (F1)

Offense 2:

Aggravated Robbery (F1)

Offense 3:

Evading arrest (SJF)

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

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: Used other weapon, specify:

Specify Weapon Used:

Subject attempted to strike officers with a sword and hatchet.

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?:	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?:	N/A
Physically attempt/assault officer(s):	Yes	Gain possession of officer's weapon:	No
Verbally threaten other(s) including law:	Unknown	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 June 1st, 2022, Lubbock Police Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in which Phillip Torres Jr was identified as being involved. Officers located Phillip Torres Jr a short distance from the scene of the disturbance in his vehicle. Officers attempted to perform a traffic stop on Phillip Torres Jr, who evaded in his vehicle. A vehicle pursuit was initiated, but eventually cancelled after Phillip Torres Jr's driving became more reckless.

A short time later, Lubbock Police Department dispatch received a 911 call from a business. The callers

advised a male was stealing swords and axes, and they felt threatened. The description of the suspect and his vehicle matched Phillip Torres Jr, who officers had discontinued their pursuit with only minutes before.

Officers observed Phillip Torres Jr leaving the scene of the robbery in the same vehicle, and attempted to stop him again. Phillip Torres Jr led officers on another vehicle pursuit, this time returning to the scene of the original disturbance call (his parents residence). Officers conducted a low speed PIT maneuver, causing Phillip Torres Jr to crash.

Phillip Torres Jr exited his vehicle with a weapon in each hand (one sword/machete and one axe/hatchet type weapon). Phillip Torres Jr charged at the closest marked patrol car, striking the vehicle with the weapons while the officer was still inside. He then turned toward other officers that were exiting their patrol cars, sprinting at them with both weapons.

Officers fired upon Phillip Torres Jr while he was running at them. He was struck multiple times and fell to the ground. Officers immediately rendered first aid and Phillip Torres Jr was transported to University Medical Center. On June 16, 2022 at approximately 14:39, Phillip Torres Jr succumbed to his injuries and passed away.