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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number: 22-1292-UF

Version Type: AMENDED

Report Date: 12/11/2023 1:16 PM

Status: Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name: Rockwall Police Dept.

Agency Address: 205 W. Rusk

Agency City: Rockwall

Agency State: TX

Agency Zip: 75087

Director Information

Director Salutation: Chief

Director First Name: Edward

Director Middle Name:

Director Last Name: Fowler

Reporter Name: Edward Fowler

Reporter Email: efowler@rockwall.com

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Jonathan

Middle Name: Hernandez

Last Name: May

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 5/3/1991

Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 31

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

Date/Time of Custody or
Incident: 9/1/2022 8:24 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 9/1/2022 9:03 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:

"Based on the case history and autopsy findings, it is my opinion that Johnathan Hernandez May, a 31-year old male, died as a result of 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: 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: 301 Summerhill
Drive

City: Rockwall

County: Rockwall

Zip: 75032

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:

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 with a Deadly Weapon on a Peace Officer

Offense 2:

Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon-Family Member (Family Violence)

Offense 3:

Aggravated Kidnapping

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;
Crimes Against
Child(ren)

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?: 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?:	No	Resist being handcuffed or arrested?:	No
Physically attempt/assault officer(s):	Yes	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 Thursday, September 1, 2022, at approximately 6:50pm, the Rockwall Police Department responded to 301 Summerhill Drive in Rockwall, Rockwall County, TX in reference to a welfare check. The welfare check was initiated by the Fort Worth Police Department who had requested that officers attempt to locate Jonathan Hernandez May who was suspected of kidnapping his ex-girlfriend and two young children. Officers responded to 301 Summerhill Drive and it did not appear that anyone was at the residence.

At approximately 7:31pm, the Dallas Police Department contacted the Rockwall Police Department to request a welfare check at the same location, 301 Summerhill Drive, Rockwall, Texas. The information received indicated that the Dallas Police Department was actively investigating an aggravated assault where Jonathan

Hernandez May was believed to have stabbed his ex-girlfriend and left the scene with the two children.

At approximately 8:24pm, two Rockwall Police officers who were monitoring the house at 301 Summerhill Drive observed Mr. May return to the residence on a motorcycle and park on the sidewalk directly in front of the residence. As Mr. May walked to the front door of the residence, both officers exited their vehicles and began giving him commands. When Mr. May reached his front porch he immediately faced the officers, displayed a handgun and engaged them in gunfire. The officers responded by returning fire and struck Mr. May multiple times.

Mr. May fell to the ground, but quickly stood back up and made definitive movement to try and pick up the handgun he had dropped during the initial exchange of gunfire. The officers commanded him to stop and not attempt to retrieve the firearm, but Mr. May refused and as he reached for the pistol the officers responded by firing additional shots and the threat posed by Mr. May was stopped. Medical care was promptly administered by Rockwall police officers on scene until EMS arrived and he was transported to a local hospital, Texas Health of Rockwall, where he died from his injuries (Time of Death - 9:03pm). The children were found to be safe at a family member's residence. The Texas Rangers responded to the scene and conducted an investigation of the officer involved shooting. Mr. May's body was transported to the Dallas County Medical Examiner's Office for an forensic exam and the final report is pending at this time.