



# KEN PAXTON

## ATTORNEY GENERAL *of* TEXAS

### CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

## Agency Information

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CDR Number: 23-19-CJ

Version Type: AMENDED

Report Date: 8/21/2023 8:09 AM

Status: Submitted

## Agency/Facility Information

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Agency Name: Harris County  
Sheriff's Dept.

Agency Address: 1200 Baker Street

Agency City: Houston

Agency State: TX

Agency Zip: 77002

## Director Information

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Director Salutation: Sheriff

Director First Name: Ed

Director Middle Name:

Director Last Name: Gonzalez

Reporter Name: Jeffery Vickery

Reporter Email: jeffery.vickery@sheriff.hctx.net

## Decedent Information

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### Identity of Deceased

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First Name: Jacoby

Middle Name:

Last Name: Pillow

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 7/3/1991

Sex: Male

Race: Black or African  
American

Age At Time Of Death: 31

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

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Date/Time of Custody or  
Incident: 1/1/2023 2:42 PM

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

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Death Date and Time: 1/3/2023 9:12 AM

## Manner / Cause of Death

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

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Medical Examiner/Coroner  
Evaluation?: Yes, results are  
available

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

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Manner of Death: Accidental

## Medical Cause of Death:

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Medical Cause of Death:

Toxic effects of methamphetamine

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

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Medical Treatment: Unknown

If death was an accident, homicide or suicide, who caused the death?

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Who caused the death?: Not applicable

If a weapon caused the death, what type of weapon caused the death? (Hold CTRL to select all that apply)

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Type of weapon that caused death?: Not Applicable

Was the cause of death the result of a pre-existing medical condition or did the decedent develop the condition after admission?

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Pre existing medical condition?: Could not be determined

If death was an accident, homicide or suicide, what was the means of death?

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Means of Death: Unknown

## Location / Custody Information

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Where did the event causing the death occur?

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Street Address: 1200 Baker St

City: Houston

County: Harris

Zip: 77002

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

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Location Category: Law Enforcement  
Facility

What type of custody/facility was the Decedent in at the time of death:

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Type of Custody: County Jail

Specific type of custody/facility:

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Specific Type of Custody/Facility:

Jail - holding cell

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):

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Entry Date Time: 1/1/2023 4:16 PM

Where did the death occur?

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Death Location: Medical facility

## General Information

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Did any other law enforcement agencies respond to calls for service related to this incident?

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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?

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Offense 1:

Criminal Trespassing

Offense 2:

Offense 3:

Were the Charges:: Filed

What were the types of charges or reason for contact? (Hold CTRL to select all that apply)

Type of Offense: 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: No

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 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?: Yes

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: Unknown

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?

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Under Restraint: Yes, mark which  
restraint devices  
were used

Type of restraint

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Type of Restraint: Handcuffs

## Summary of Incident

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

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Summary:

On January 3, 2023, the decedent was inside a single-cell medical holding cell for assessment at the clinic and Mental Health Unit. Officers entered and the decedent swung at an officer. Officers fought with the decedent as they struggled to gain control of him. The decedent was handcuffed and escorted to the clinic. Medical staff cleared the decedent, and he was returned to the same holding cell. Hours later, the decedent was escorted to the 6th floor for housing and placed in the 6th floor holding cell. During an officer round, the decedent was observed to be unresponsive and additional officers responded. CPR was initiated and medical staff responded. The decedent was transported to the clinic with ongoing life-saving measures. Houston Fire Department paramedics responded, assumed care, and transported the decedent to St Joseph Hospital. At 9:12 a.m., a medical doctor pronounced death.