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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	23-139-UF	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	9/28/2023 9:47 AM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Denton County Sheriff's Office.	Agency Address:	127 N. Woodrow Ln. Suite 300
Agency City:	Denton	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	76205		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Tracy
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Murphree		
Reporter Name:	Ronald Pettigrew	Reporter Email:	ron.pettigrew@dentoncounty.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Victoria

Middle Name: Lauren

Last Name: Edwards

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 10/6/1993 Sex: Female

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 29

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 2/4/2023 12:20 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 2/4/2023 12:20 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:

Gunshot wounds of torso and right thigh

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?:	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:	6800 University Street	City:	Denton
County:	Denton	Zip:	76205

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

Location Category: Field/woods/lake/waterway/beach

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:

N/A

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: Scene of incident

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:
19.03-Attempted Capital Murder	
	Offense 2:
22.05-Deadly Conduct	
	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:	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:	Displayed firearm without discharge

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):	No	Make suicidal statements?:	Yes
Exhibit any mental health problems?:	Yes	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?:	Yes	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:	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?

Under Restraint:	No

Summary of Incident

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

Summary:

On February 4, 2023, the Denton County Sheriff's Office received a bulletin from the Arlington Police Department regarding an armed woman making suicidal comments at Arlington Memorial Hospital. Shortly after noon, on February 4, 2023, Denton County Sheriff's Office Deputies located an unoccupied vehicle related to the earlier incident in the parking lot of the Greenbelt Corridor Park, 6800 block East University, Denton, TX. Deputies searched the trails in the park and when the driver of the vehicle was contacted, she pointed a weapon at the Deputies. The woman refused to comply with the Deputies' commands to drop the weapon. Deputies fired their weapons striking the woman. Sheriff's Deputies rendered emergency aid to the suspect but she did not survive.