



# KEN PAXTON

## ATTORNEY GENERAL *of* TEXAS

### CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

## Agency Information

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CDR Number: 23-255-C

Version Type: AMENDED

Report Date: 8/29/2023 2:14 PM

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: Richard

Middle Name: William

Last Name: Baker

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 1/8/1959

Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 64

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

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Date/Time of Custody or  
Incident: 3/11/2023 8:49 PM

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

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Death Date and Time: 3/11/2023 9:07 PM

## 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: Suicide

## Medical Cause of Death:

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Medical Cause of Death:

Single contact penetrating gunshot wound of the chest

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: Not Applicable

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

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Who caused the death?: Decedent

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?: Handgun

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?: 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?

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Means of Death: Firearm

## Location / Custody Information

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Where did the event causing the death occur?

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Street Address: 16827 Kilwinning Dr

City: Houston

County: Harris

Zip: 77084

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

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Location Category: Residence/Home

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

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Type of Custody: Police Custody  
(pre-booking)

Specific type of custody/facility:

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Specific Type of Custody/Facility:

Custody of Law Enforcement Personnel subsequent to 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):

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Entry Date Time:

Entry Date Time N/A: ☒

Where did the death occur?

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Death Location: Scene of incident

## 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?: No

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:

Tampering with Evidence

Offense 2:

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)

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Type of Offense: Other, specify

Type of Offense, Other:

Welfare Check

At any time during the incident and/or entry into the law enforcement facility, did the decedent display or use a weapon?

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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:

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Attempt to Injure Others?: No

At any time during the incident and/or entry into the law enforcement facility, did the decedent:

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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:

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| Barricade self or initiate standoff?:     | No | Resist being handcuffed or arrested?:     | No |
| Physically attempt/assault officer(s):    | No | Gain possession of officer's weapon:      | No |
| Verbally threaten other(s) including law: | No | 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

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

Summary:

On March 11, 2023, deputies responded to a Welfare Check at the decedent's residence where two people reportedly lived. No answer was received at the door after repeated attempts to make contact. Supervisors arrived and made the decision to force entry into the residence. As deputies entered the residence, a gunshot was heard, and deputies retreated for safety. Upon reentry into the residence, the decedent was located inside the residence with a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head. An additional partially decomposed body was located in a separate bedroom.