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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	23-443-UF	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	4/25/2023 12:22 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Houston Police Dept.	Agency Address:	1200 Travis, 16th Floor
Agency City:	Houston	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	77002		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Chief	Director First Name:	Troy
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Finner		
Reporter Name:	Kimberly Fowler	Reporter Email:	kimberly.fowler@houstonpolice.org

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Jamarr

Middle Name: Van-Trell

Last Name: Thompson

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 4/11/2023 Sex: Male

Race: Black or African American

Age At Time Of Death: 0

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 4/11/2023 2:29 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 4/11/2023 3:11 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:

Homicide by gunshot wound of the right shoulder and torso.

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

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:	12375 Martin Luther King Blvd.	City:	Houston
County:	Harris	Zip:	77096

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

Location Category: Parking lot/garage

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 of Peach Officer

Offense 2:

Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle/PCS

Offense 3:

Open Felony Warrant for Robbery

Were the Charges:: A probation/parole violation

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

Type of Offense: Other, specify

Type of Offense, Other:

Inside Stolen Vehicle

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 vehicle as weapon

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; 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):	Yes	Make suicidal statements?:	No
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?:	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:	Yes
Attempt gain possession officer's weapon:	Unknown		

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 Tuesday, April 11, 2023, at approximately 1429 hours, a uniformed Houston Police Officer with the Crime Reduction Unit, riding a one-man unit, spotted a stolen vehicle parked in the parking lot of 12375 Martin Luther King Blvd. The officer pulled in closely behind the stolen vehicle in a marked police vehicle and activated the emergency lights. The officer approached the driver's door, discovered a male suspect (Decedent) sitting in the driver seat, and attempted to detain Decedent. Decedent refused to obey the officer's commands, placed the stolen vehicle in reverse, and then rammed the police vehicle. The police vehicle was parked closed enough that Decedent could not maneuver around it or move it. Decedent then came at the officer on foot and they both went to the ground, where a physical confrontation ensued.

A female acquaintance of Decedent interfered with officer's attempts to arrest Decedent by hovering over top of the officer and grabbing on to the back of his shirt. The female ended up with the officer's taser and one of the officer's magazines that had been stripped away by Decedent. The female refused to comply with repeated commands by the officer to give them back. During the struggle, Decedent was able to strip away the officer's radio and the battery was removed, which prevented the officer from communicating with backup. Decedent gained a position on top of the officer and continued to fight rather than run away. The officer was in immediate fear for his life and discharged his duty weapon one-time striking Decedent.

Responding Houston Police Officers provided emergency medical aid to Decedent until the Houston Fire Department arrived and transported Decedent to local hospital, where he succumbed to his wound at 1511 hours. The officer was injured during this incident and should fully recover from those injuries.