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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number: 23-677-UF

Version Type: AMENDED

Report Date: 12/11/2023 10:44
AM

Status: Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name: San Antonio Police
Dept.

Agency Address: 315 S. Santa Rosa

Agency City: San Antonio

Agency State: TX

Agency Zip: 78207

Director Information

Director Salutation: Chief

Director First Name: William

Director Middle Name: P.

Director Last Name: McManus

Reporter Name: Russ Van Geffen

Reporter Email: russ.vangeffen@sanantonio.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Robert

Middle Name:

Last Name: Avila

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 1/10/1961

Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 62

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

Date/Time of Custody or
Incident: 6/9/2023 2:25 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 6/9/2023 5:07 AM

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: Suicide

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Gunshot wound to head

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?: Decedent

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: 4830 Ray Bon Drive

City: San Antonio

County: Bexar

Zip: 78218

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: 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:

Murder

Offense 2:

Aggravated Assault - Police Officer

Offense 3:

Deadly Conduct

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: 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; Attempted to injure civilian(s) or other inmate(s)

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?: Yes

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?: Yes

Resist being handcuffed or arrested?: N/A

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?

Under Restraint: No

Summary of Incident

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

Summary:

In the early hours of 6/9/2023, the suspect called police stating he just killed his roommate. Police communications then dispatched several officers to 4830 Ray Bon Drive for a shooting in progress. While officers responded, the communications call taker requested the suspect exit the residence. The suspect refused to do this and hung up the phone on the call taker. As the first arriving officer turned into the apartment complex, the suspect began firing at the officer/vehicle, striking the vehicle several times. The officer was able to drive his vehicle a short distance and exit the vehicle. Additional officers arrived and their vehicles were also struck by gunfire from the suspect. At one point, an officer fearing for his safety and the safety of his co-workers, fired three rounds in the direction of the suspect. None of these rounds appear to have struck the suspect. A standoff with the armed and barricaded subject ensued. Members from the Special Operations Unit (SOU) arrived to assist. The SOU armored vehicle was also shot at and struck by the suspect. Special Operations would eventually administer chemical irritants into the residence in an effort to incapacitate the suspect and stop the suspect's deadly conduct. Shortly after chemical irritants were introduced, a final gunshot was heard and it was believed the suspect had committed suicide. After robotic

clearance, it was confirmed both the suspect and the initial victim were deceased inside the residence. The suspect had an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound. Both individuals were pronounced by EMS at 5:07 am.