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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number: 23-1701-UF

Version Type: ORIGINAL
VERSION

Report Date: 12/19/2023 11:59
AM

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: Edwin

Middle Name: Joey

Last Name: Villegas

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 11/4/2000

Sex: Male

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 23

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

Date/Time of Custody or
Incident: 12/2/2023 1:13 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 12/2/2023 1:27 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: Homicide (includes
Justifiable

Homicide)

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Gun Shot Wounds

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: 7000 Harwin Drive

City: Houston

County: Harris

Zip: 77036

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:

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:

Aggravated assault on police officer

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)

Type of Offense: Other, specify

Type of Offense, Other:

Surveillance of burglary suspect

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: 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): N/A

Make suicidal statements?: N/A

Exhibit any mental health problems?: N/A

Exhibit any medical problems?: N/A

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?: No

Physically attempt/assault officer(s): Yes

Gain possession of officer's weapon: No

Verbally threaten other(s) including law: No

Escape or attempt to escape/flee custody: Yes

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 12/02/2023, Houston police officers were conducting surveillance on a known burglary suspect. The officers began surveillance of the suspect and, at one point, lost visual sight of him. The officers began searching the area in unmarked police vehicles. The Sergeant involved in this incident drove behind a

warehouse and was searching a parking lot behind a building at the 7000 block of Harwin Drive. Surveillance Video shows the suspect hiding behind a vehicle in this parking lot. As the Sergeant drive to the end of the parking lot, the suspect ran up to the Sergeant's vehicle and began firing a pistol into the passenger side. the gunfire struck the Sergeant five times, and then the suspect started to walk around the vehicle toward the driver's door.

The Sergeant was able to exit his vehicle and return fire toward the suspect. the suspect fled the location on foot and was found a short time later around the corner of the building at 7000 Harwin Drive. Officers found the suspect had sustained several gunshot wounds, and they provided first aid to the suspect and the Sergeant at the scene. The Houston Fire Department pronounced the suspect deceased at the location, and the Houston Police Sergeant was transported to the hospital, where he was treated for several non-life-threatening gunshot wounds.