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ATTORNEY GENERAL *of* TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number: 24-141-C

Version Type: ORIGINAL
VERSION

Report Date: 2/6/2024 12:36 PM

Status: Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name: Temple Police
Dept.

Agency Address: 209 E. Avenue A.

Agency City: Temple

Agency State: TX

Agency Zip: 76501

Director Information

Director Salutation: Chief

Director First Name: Shawn

Director Middle Name:

Director Last Name: Reynolds

Reporter Name: Jesse Fugitt

Reporter Email: jfugitt@templetx.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Chad

Middle Name: David

Last Name: Hartley

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 9/27/2000

Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

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: 1/30/2024 1:37 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 1/30/2024 2:36 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 Wound to the Head

Had the decedent been receiving treatment for the medical condition that caused the death after admission to your jail's jurisdiction?

Medical Treatment: No

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: 1618 W. Ave. H -
Unit #657

City: Temple

County: Bell

Zip: 76501

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: Police Custody
(pre-booking)

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:

Aggravated Assault on a Peace Officer X3 - Pointed handgun at 3 different Officers.

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: Medical / Mental
Health assistance
call

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?: No

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:

Temple Police officers responded to a 911 call from a suicidal subject's family member reporting to dispatch that her brother, Chad Hartley, had texted her an image of a handgun and told her "I have Dad's gun." Hartley told his sister that he was going to go get ammunition for the gun and kill himself. Before officers arrived, Hartley left the original location and traveled by vehicle to the location of the incident, a vacant single-wide manufactured home which was owned and being renovated by Hartley. Officers arrived in the trailer park and cautiously approached Hartley's trailer in an attempt to make contact. Hartley pointed the gun at one of the officers and they took cover behind other homes and evacuated nearby residents. A Temple Police Negotiator was on scene and, using the phone number provided by Hartley's family, attempted to contact Hartley by phone. The Negotiator was able to establish phone communication with Hartley and continued to speak with him as SWAT team officers arrived on scene with TPD's armored vehicle. Hartley made statements to the Negotiator that police were going to have to shoot him and described how many officers he could kill. Hartley stated several times that he was going to shoot an officer and even described some officers' specific locations and how he would shoot them. Approximately one hour after phone contact was made and after more than 45 minutes of negotiating with Hartley, he spotted a TPD drone that was conducting surveillance and became upset about it. Hartley then pointed his handgun at the drone through a window that he had opened. The drone operator took evasive action to avoid the drone being shot. SWAT officers in the armored vehicle then commanded Hartley to drop the gun multiple times. Hartley responded by lowering the gun and pointing it directly at a SWAT officer standing beside the armored vehicle. That officer fired a single shot at Hartley and Hartley fell to the floor inside the trailer. Once inside the trailer, officers found that Hartley was deceased and still had the gun in his hand.

