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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number: 24-1621-UF

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VERSION

Report Date: 12/13/2024 1:51
PM

Status: Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name: Amarillo Police
Dept.

Agency Address: 200 SE 3rd Ave

Agency City: Amarillo

Agency State: TX

Agency Zip: 79101

Director Information

Director Salutation: Chief

Director First Name: Martin

Director Middle Name:

Director Last Name: Birkenfeld

Reporter Name: Douglas (Brent)
Harlan

Reporter Email: brent.harlan@amarillo.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Kurt

Middle Name: David Cobain

Last Name: Gaede

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 1/13/1999

Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 25

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 6/24/2024 11:18 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 6/24/2024 12:20 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 wounds from Law Enforcement

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?: 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: 314 S. Georgia

City: Amarillo

County: Potter

Zip: 79106

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:

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: 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:

Evading Arrest/Detention

Offense 2:

Unlawful Possession of a Firearm by a Felon

Offense 3:

Aggravated Assault on a Public Servant

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;
Other, specify;
Crime Against
Property

Type of Offense, Other:

Not Applicable

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 Displayed firearm
Weapon Details: without discharge

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

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?: No

Exhibit any mental health problems?: No 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):	No	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:

Members of the Amarillo Police Department Special Operations Unit - Task Force Office were conducting surveillance at the address of 316 S. Georgia in Amarillo, Potter County, Texas, for Gaede. Gaede was the suspect in an incident that occurred on June 23, 2024, where a female was assaulted, and Gaede fired a weapon at witnesses who were trying to protect the female. TFO's learned that Gaede was wanted for a Burglary charge out of Randall County and was the suspect in the above-mentioned incident under APD 23-510350. A subject approached the residence at 316 S. Georgia while surveillance was being conducted, and believed the subject knocking on the door was Gaede. As the subject was walking away, TFO's attempted to detain the subject, later identified as Gaede, and he would not comply with commands. The subject fled on foot, and TFO's gave chase. Gaede ran into the backyard of 314 S. Georgia, turned towards officers and displayed a firearm. TFO discharged his firearm and struck Gaede. Officers provided medical care at the scene and an ambulance was called. Gaede was transported to the hospital but did not survive his injuries.