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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number: 24-1185-UF

Version Type: AMENDED

Report Date: 8/13/2024 3:48 PM

Status: Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name: Texas Tech Police
Department

Agency Address: PO BOX 43041

Agency City: Lubbock

Agency State: TX

Agency Zip: 79409

Director Information

Director Salutation: Chief

Director First Name: Kyle

Director Middle Name: K

Director Last Name: Bonath

Reporter Name: Kyle Bonath

Reporter Email: kyle.k.bonath@ttu.edu

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Skylar

Middle Name: Christopher Cain

Last Name: Kindle

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 7/22/1997

Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 26

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

Date/Time of Custody or
Incident: 7/17/2024 7:41 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 7/19/2024 6:24 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: Accidental

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Complications of multiple blunt force injuries

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?: 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?: Vehicle-involved death

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: Vehicle accident

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address: 3400 Clovis Road

City: Lubbock

County: Lubbock

Zip: 79415

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

Location Category: Roadway/highway/street/sidewalk

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?: Yes

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:

Warrant (Probation Violation/Domestic Assault)

Offense 2:

Evading Arrest (in motor vehicle)

Offense 3:

Traffic offenses

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:

Traffic violation(s), and warrant

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: No

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?: 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:

On July 17, 2024 at approximately 7:41 PM, Texas Tech Police Department (TTPD) officers conducted a traffic stop of a gray 2016 Dodge Dart in the 3000 Block of Main Street, Texas Tech University (TTU), City of Lubbock, Lubbock County, TX after the motor vehicle was observed traveling at a speed greater than the posted speed limit and locking its breaks before sliding to a stop at a flashing red traffic signal. During the traffic stop, officers learned the driver of the vehicle had an outstanding warrant (Probation Violation – Domestic Assault). Upon being instructed to exit the vehicle, the driver fled the scene evading officers in the motor vehicle. Two TTPD marked units initiated pursuit beginning at 7:52:05 PM. A supervisor advised officers via radio to discontinue the pursuit at 7:54:14 PM. Pursuing officers had begun the process of downgrading and discontinuing pursuit by slowing to normal speeds and turning off sirens, but emergency lights on the lead vehicle were still active, when the still fleeing vehicle wrecked, rolled and the driver was ejected at 7:54:24 PM in the 3400 block of Clovis Road, City of Lubbock, Lubbock County, TX. The driver was transported to the hospital where he ultimately passed away from injuries on July 19, 2024 at 6:24 PM. (Ref: TTPD Offense Report # 24-0629 and Lubbock Police Department Assist Other Agency / Accident Investigation Report # 24-18432)