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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	24-1384-C	Version Type:	ORIGINAL VERSION
Report Date:	9/23/2024 10:19 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:	Director	Director First Name:	Sheryal
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Armstrong		
Reporter Name:	Kimberly Fowler	Reporter Email:	kimberly.fowler@houstonpolice.org

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Ezra

Middle Name: Kayin

Last Name: Neal

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 3/19/1992 Sex: Male

Race: Asian or Pacific Islander

Age At Time Of Death: 32

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 9/3/2024 6:43 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 9/3/2024 7:54 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 pending

What was the manner of death? (select only one)

Pending autopsy

Manner of Death: results

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Pending Autopsy results

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?: Not Applicable

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?: Could not be determined

If death was an accident, homicide or suicide, what was the means of death?

Means of Death: Unknown

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address:	1413 Johnson St.	City:	Houston
County:	Harris	Zip:	77007

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: Police Custody (pre-booking)

Specific type of custody/facility:

Specific Type of Custody/Facility:

Custody of Law Enforcement Personnel subsequent to 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?: 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:

Assault on Public Servant

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: Alcohol / drug offense; Other, specify

Type of Offense, Other:

Person Down

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?: Yes (select all that apply)

Ways Decedent Attempted To Injure Others: 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):	Yes	Make suicidal statements?:	No
Exhibit any mental health problems?:	No	Exhibit any medical problems?:	Yes

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):	Yes	Gain possession of officer's weapon:	No
Verbally threaten other(s) including law:	No	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:	Yes, mark which restraint devices were used

Type of restraint

Type of Restraint:	Handcuffs; Other device, specify
Other device, specify:	Leg Restraints

Summary of Incident

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

Summary:

On September 3, 2024, Houston Police Officers from the Central Patrol Division were dispatched to Code 2 Person Down. When the primary officer arrived, she noticed the individual was being treated by the Houston

Fire Department (HFD) Ambulance 6 (A6). HFD told the officer the male advised he had smoked phencyclidine (PCP).

HFD escorted the male to a stretcher, and the officer requested two more officers to assist HFD with transporting the male. While in the back of the ambulance, HFD started and IV on the male, who tensed up and became violent and began swinging his arms and kicking his legs toward HFD personnel in a combative manner, striking them several times for an extended period. HFD personnel attempted to gain control of the male but were initially unable to. One of the Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT) became pinned in a corner by the male who was holding him against this will. To get the male to let him go, he struck the male in the torso approximately tow times with his hand to break contact and protect himself from further assault while simultaneously moving out of the way.

After several minutes, officers gained control of the male and were able to restrain his arms. Officers then handcuffed the male's arms to the stretcher and placed them in leg restraints to prevent further combative actions from his unpredictable behavior. Two officers and HFD personnel remained in the back of the ambulance enroute to the hospital.

Upon arrival at the hospital, HFD personnel checked the male's pulse, found it faint, and began CPR. Officers immediately removed all restraints, and hospital staff continued CPR until the attending physician called the time of death at 1954 hours.