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ATTORNEY GENERAL *of* TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number: 24-1681-UF

Version Type: ORIGINAL
VERSION

Report Date: 1/2/2025 12:25 PM

Status: Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name: Austin Police Dept.

Agency Address: PO BOX 689001

Agency City: Austin

Agency State: TX

Agency Zip: 78768

Director Information

Director Salutation: Chief

Director First Name: Lisa

Director Middle Name:

Director Last Name: Davis

Reporter Name: Daryl Bone

Reporter Email: daryl.bone@austintexas.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Shane

Middle Name: Roy

Last Name: Baker

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 1/23/1973

Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 51

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

Date/Time of Custody or
Incident: 7/4/2024 4:01 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 7/6/2024 9:31 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:

Cause of Death was listed as mechanical asphyxia and physiological stress associated with restraint, along with the toxic effects of cocaine and hypertensive cardiovascular disease associated with obesity.

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?: 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?: Pre-existing medical
condition

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

Means of Death: Other, specify

Means of Death Other: The opinion of the
Medical Examiner,
while being
restrained by LE
personnel, the
decedent was
placed in a prone
position with
pressure applied to
the chest wall
resulted in
respiratory

compromise &
combination of
other medical
issues.

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address: 3016 W Terrace Dr

City: Austin

County: Travis

Zip: 78757

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:

Hospital/Infirmarary

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:

None

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:

None

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): Yes

Make suicidal statements?: No

Exhibit any mental health problems?: Unknown

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): Unknown

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

Summary of Incident

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

Summary:

The incident occurred on July 4, 2024, at approximately 4:01 AM when officers responded to a call about a male subject behaving erratically in a neighborhood. The individual was found underneath a parked car, wearing only underwear, making nonsensical noises and statements, and thrashing about. Officers extracted him from beneath the vehicle and restrained him with handcuffs for community caretaking. Emergency Medical Services (EMS) arrived approximately ten minutes later. By that time, the subject was in medical distress, and CPR was initiated. He was then transported to the hospital, where he died on July 6, 2024.

At the time of his death, the individual was neither under arrest nor formally detained for a law enforcement purposes. Given the information available at that time, it was initially believed that his death was related to narcotics.

A postmortem examination was performed by the Travis County Medical Examiner's Office, and those results were made available to the Austin Police Department in December 2024. The Medical Examiner noted that the subject was restrained by law enforcement while pressure was applied to his chest wall, resulting in respiratory compromise. The cause of death was identified as mechanical asphyxia and physiological stress associated with restraint, along with the toxic effects of cocaine and hypertensive cardiovascular disease associated with obesity. The manner of death was classified as a homicide.