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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	24-1688-UF	Version Type:	ORIGINAL VERSION
Report Date:	1/7/2025 9:49 AM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Killeen I. S. D. Police Dept.	Agency Address:	4100 Zephyr Rd.
Agency City:	Killeen	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	76543		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Chief	Director First Name:	Erik
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Hydorn		
Reporter Name:	Erik Hydorn	Reporter Email:	erik.hydorn@killeenisd.org

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: John

Middle Name:

Last Name: Schultz

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 10/16/1971 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 53

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 12/21/2024 5:30 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 12/21/2024 5:30 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: Pending autopsy results

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Gunshot wounds

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

Medical Treatment:	Unknown

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?:	Handgun

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:	2100 S. WS Young Dr	City:	Killeen
County:	Bell	Zip:	76543

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

Location Category: Other, specify

Other Location Category:

Shopping mall

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: Scene of incident

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:

Aggravated Assault with Deadly Weapon

Offense 2:

Evading Motor Vehicle

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:	Violent Crime Against Persons

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:	Used vehicle as weapon

At any time during the incident and/or entry into the law enforcement facility, did the decedent:

Yes (select all that

Attempt to Injure Others?:	apply)
Ways Decedent Attempted To Injure Others:	Injured 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):	Unknown	Make suicidal statements?:	Unknown
Exhibit any mental health problems?:	Unknown	Exhibit any medical problems?:	Unknown

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:	Unknown	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 12/21/2024 at approximately 5:15pm Texas Department of Public Safety Highway Patrol was involved in a pursuit of a black truck on Interstate 14. The driver of the vehicle failed to yield to an emergency vehicle and the pursuit of the black truck continued into Killeen, TX. The driver of the black truck drove into the parking lot of the Killeen Mall located at 2100 S WS Young Dr., Killeen, Texas where it drove through the south doors of the JC Penney store located at the mall. The truck entered the store and struck several patrons of the store

and continued through JC Penney until it entered the central hallway of the mall. Officers from multiple fearing the operator of the vehicle would continue his assaultive behavior toward mall patrons engaged the operator with their weapons, neutralizing the operator of the black truck.