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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	25-663-UF	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	8/26/2025 8:19 AM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Temple Police Dept.	Agency Address:	209 E. Avenue A.
Agency City:	Temple	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	76501		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Chief	Director First Name:	Shawn
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Reynolds		
Reporter Name:	Gary Smith	Reporter Email:	gesmith@templetx.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Paul

Middle Name: D

Last Name: Rodriquez

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 8/17/1968 Sex: Male

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 56

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 8/7/2025 9:09 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 8/7/2025 9:20 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

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

Medical Treatment: Yes

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; 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:	209 E Ave A	City:	Temple
County:	Bell	Zip:	76501

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: 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 on a Public Servant with a deadly weapon

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: Medical / Mental Health assistance call

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: Displayed other weapon, specify:

Specify Weapon Displayed:

Imitation/Replica of a Black in color Air Soft Pistol

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)

Attempted to injure

Ways Decedent Attempted To Injure Others:	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?:	Yes
Exhibit any mental health problems?:	Yes	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?:	Yes	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:	No

Summary of Incident

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

Summary:

On 08/07/25 at about 2109 hours the deceased called the police dispatcher advising he was in front of the police department and unafraid to shoot himself. Police Officers arrived on scene less than three minutes later and immediately began to attempt to deescalate the situation by speaking to the deceased and asking him what they could do for him. The deceased advised "he was done" and he wanted the police officers to shoot him. The deceased was holding a pistol to his own head as he was asking police officers to shoot him. Police officers continued to speak with the deceased attempting to calm him down for over six minutes. During this time, the deceased continued to yell at officers to shoot him. A police officer who the deceased asked for and who he had rapport with from prior police contacts took over communication with the deceased and asked him several times to put the gun down and find out what help the deceased wanted. While the officer with rapport was speaking with the deceased and ensuring him he wanted to help him, the deceased

was still holding a gun to his own head. Without any warning from the deceased, the deceased advised the officer speaking to him he would never point a gun at him. The deceased then removed the gun from his head, extended his arm and pointed the gun he had been holding to his own head, toward several other officers. The officers with whom the deceased point the gun at immediately sought cover as multiple officers responded by discharging their issued sidearms and rifles at the deceased.