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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	25-641-PF	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	8/18/2025 7:39 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:	Chief	Director First Name:	J. Noe
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Diaz		
Reporter Name:	Angeline Grimes	Reporter Email:	angeline.grimes@houstonpolice.org

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name:	Tony
Middle Name:	Dewayne
Last Name:	Underwood
Suffix:	
Date of Birth:	8/15/1987
Sex:	Male
Race:	Black or African American
Age At Time Of Death:	37

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident:	4/30/2025 11:23 PM

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

Death Date and Time:	7/18/2025 9:45 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:

Complications of gunshot wound involving the chest and neck

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

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:	7812 Tierwester Street	City:	Houston
County:	Harris	Zip:	77021

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

Location Category: Other, specify

Other Location Category:

Apartment Complex

What type of custody/facility was the Decedent in at the time of death:

Type of Custody: Private Facility

Specific type of custody/facility:

Specific Type of Custody/Facility:

Hospital/Infirmary

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:

Aggravated Assault Against a Public Servant

Offense 2:

Unlawful Carry of Weapon with a Felony Conviction

Offense 3:

Evading Arrest/Detention with a Vehicle

Were the Charges::	Filed

What were the types of charges or reason for contact? (Hold CTRL to select all that apply)

Type of Offense:	Crime Against Property

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 firearm without discharge

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:	Attempted to injure 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):	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):	Yes	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 Wednesday, April 30, 2025, at approximately 2323 hours, officers assigned to the Houston Police Department Southeast Crime Suppression Team attempted to initiate a traffic stop on a vehicle previously reported stolen at the intersection of Reed Road and Park South View, in Houston, Harris County, Texas. The driver of the stolen vehicle, later identified as the decedent Tony Dewayne Underwood, refused to stop and evaded detention in the motor vehicle to the Tierwester Village Apartment homes located at 7812 Tierwester Drive. At the conclusion of the vehicle pursuit, Underwood exited the stolen vehicle and evaded further on

foot through the complex.

The pursuing officers were operating marked Houston Police vehicles with lights and sirens activated and were dressed in official Houston Police uniforms. As one of the pursuing officers neared, the decedent brandished a handgun and cycled the slide. Underwood attempted to turned and fell causing him to land prone with his arms outstretched above his shoulders. The officer gave verbal commands for Underwood not to move, however Underwood refused to comply with the commands, and he moved his right hand under his torso. A struggle ensued between the officer and Underwood, and Underwood's right hand emerged from under his right shoulder holding a black-in-color semiautomatic handgun.

The officer, fearing for his own safety and those around him, fired his weapon striking the decedent one time. Life-savings measures were taken by officers in the area and Underwood was transported to a local hospital where he was treated for his injuries.

On the date of the incident, charges were filed for Aggravated Assault Against a Public Servant, Unlawful Carry of a Weapon with a Felony Conviction, and Evading Arret/Detention in a Motor Vehicle. On June 24, 2025, the charges were dismissed and Underwood was released from the custody of law enforcement, and on June 28, 2025, arrests warrants were filed in their place.

On Friday, July 18, at 9:45 PM, while undergoing a treatment at Ben Taub Hospital, Underwood succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced dead. The manner of death was determined to be Homicide. The cause of death was determined to be due to Complications of gunshot wound involving the chest and neck