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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

# CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

## Agency Information

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| CDR Number: | 25-1096-UF | Version Type: | ORIGINAL VERSION |
| Report Date: | 2/3/2026 3:35 PM | Status: | Submitted |

### Agency/Facility Information

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| Agency Name: | Houston Police Dept. | Agency Address: | 1200 Travis, 16th Floor |
| Agency City: | Houston | Agency State: | TX |
| Agency Zip: | 77002 | | |

### Director Information

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| 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: Thaddeus

Middle Name: Therrell

Last Name: Turner

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 7/14/1970

Sex: Male

Race: Black or African American

Age At Time Of Death: 55

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 12/26/2025 1:50 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 12/26/2025 1:58 AM

## 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)

Homicide (includes

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| Manner of Death: | Justifiable Homicide) |

## Medical Cause of Death:

| Medical Cause of Death: |
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| Multiple Gunshot Wounds |

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

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| Medical Treatment: | Not Applicable |

## If death was an accident, homicide or suicide, who caused the death?

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| 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)

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| 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?

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| 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?

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| Means of Death: | Firearm |

# Location / Custody Information

## Where did the event causing the death occur?

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| Street Address: | 13351 Cityscape Avenue | City: | Houston |
| County: | Harris | Zip: | 77047 |

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

Location Category: Parking lot/garage

## 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?: 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 with 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: Other, specify

Type of Offense, Other:

Failure to Stop and Give Information/Crash Major

## 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:

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| Attempt to Injure Others?: | Yes (select all that apply) |
| Ways Decedent Attempted To Injure Others: | Attempted to injure law enforcement personnel; 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:

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| Appear intoxicated (alcohol or drugs): | Yes | 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:

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| Barricade self or initiate standoff?: | No | Resist being handcuffed or arrested?: | No |
| 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?

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| Under Restraint: | No |

## Summary of Incident

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

Summary:

On Friday, December 26, 2025, officers from the Houston Police Department (HPD) assigned to the Southeast Patrol Division were dispatched to a Crash Major call for service at approximately 0141 hours at an apartment complex located at 13351 Cityscape Avenue, Houston, Harris County Texas. The caller also reported that the suspect appeared intoxicated and had pointed a firearm at her. The caller further advised that the suspect was in a tan Chevrolet Suburban.

The first arriving officer observed the decedent in front of the apartment complex, outside the entry/exit near the keypad, in a tan Chevrolet Suburban. The officer approached the driver's door of the vehicle and observed the decedent in possession of a firearm, identified as an AR-15 pistol. The officer created distance and began shouting verbal commands for the decedent to show his hands. The decedent did not comply and was observed reaching for the firearm, which prompted the officer to discharge his duty weapon multiple times.
An additional patrol unit with two HPD officers arrived on scene, and all three continued issuing verbal commands for the decedent to show his hands. Officer then observed the decedent begin to raise the firearm, prompting all three officers to discharge their duty weapons. The decedent had succumbed to his injuries on scene, and the Houston Fire Department gave a time of death as 0158 hrs.

On Saturday, December 27, 20265, Dr. Phatak, of the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences Medical Examiner's Office ruled the cause of death as multiple gunshot wounds and the manner of death as homicide. There were no injuries to officers or citizens related to this incident.