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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

**CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT**

# Agency Information

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| CDR Number: | 26-556-UF | Version Type: | ORIGINAL VERSION |
| Report Date: | 7/23/2026 2:42 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: Daniel

Middle Name: Edward

Last Name: Kennedy

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 3/28/1983 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 43

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 6/27/2026 2:57 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 6/27/2026 9:04 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: Suicide

## Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Suicide, Gunshot wound to the Head

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

Medical Treatment: No

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

Who caused the death?: Decedent

## 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?

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| Street Address: | 7676 Phoenix Dr. #1522 | City: | Houston |
| County: | Harris | Zip: | 77030 |

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

Location Category: Residence/Home

## 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?

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| 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?

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| | Offense 1: |
| Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon FV | |
| | 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)

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| 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?

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| Decedent display/use of weapons: | Yes, mark all that apply |
| Decedent Display or Use Weapon Details: | Discharged firearm |

## 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: | Injured 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): | No | Make suicidal statements?: | Yes |
| 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:

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| Barricade self or initiate standoff?: | Yes | Resist being handcuffed or arrested?: | No |
| Physically attempt/assault officer(s): | No | 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 Saturday, June 27, 2026, uniformed patrol officers of the Houston Police Department (HPD), Southwest Patrol responded to a priority 2 call for service regarding a Family Disturbance with a Weapon. Upon arrival to the scene, officers made contact with the decedent’s wife and learned that the decedent had physically assaulted her and brandished a firearm. They also learned from the decedent’s wife that he was still inside the residence with a firearm. Officers attempted to speak with the decedent and gave him several commands for him to exit the residence, but he refused to comply. The decedent eventually barricaded himself in the bedroom of the residence.

HPD SWAT arrived on the scene and after obtaining a search warrant, they deployed a drone equipped with a camera system through a broken window of the residence. They observed via the drone that the decedent was lying face down on the floor with an apparent gunshot wound to the head. SWAT officers made physical entry into the residence and confirmed the suspect was deceased.

Paramedics of the Houston Fire Department (HFD) made entry into the residence and observed the decedent lying face down on the floor of the bedroom. The observed that he had a gunshot wound to the middle of the forehead, he was not breathing and was cold to the touch. The HFD paramedics pronounced the decedent’s time of death at 9:04 p.m.

The Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences was notified of this incident and sent Investigator E. Sanders

to conduct the initial scene investigation. The Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences conducted an autopsy of the decedent and ruled this death as a suicide due to a single gunshot wound to the head. The incident has been documented under ML26-2310. The autopsy report is pending.

The decedent's wife sustained minor, non-life-threatening injuries as a result of being physically assaulted by the decedent. No officers or any other parties were injured during the incident.