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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	26-563-UF	Version Type:	ORIGINAL VERSION
Report Date:	7/28/2026 3:30 PM	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:	Josiah
Middle Name:	Linwood
Last Name:	Fobbs
Suffix:	
Date of Birth:	7/18/1989
Sex:	Male
Race:	Black or African American
Age At Time Of Death:	36

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident:	7/5/2026 5:50 AM

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

Death Date and Time:	7/5/2026 6:43 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 pending

What was the manner of death? (select only one)

Manner of Death:	Pending autopsy results

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Pending Autopsy Results

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?: Not Applicable

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: Other, specify

Means of Death Other: Jumped from 3rd floor Garage

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address:	3300 Main Street	City:	Houston
County:	Harris	Zip:	77002

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: 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:

Felon in Possession of a Firearm

Offense 2:

Aggravated Assault Deadly Weapon

Offense 3:

Assault on Peace Officer

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: Displayed firearm without discharge

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

Attempt to Injure Others?:	No

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:	Yes	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:

The complainant contacted the Houston Police Department (HPD) regarding another resident at the apartment complex (an acquaintance) who had threatened him with a firearm on the property. HPD Officers spoke with the complainant and learned that Josiah Fobbs (B/M, 7/18/1989; Decedent) came to the complainant's apartment and threatened him with a gun. The complainant showed the officers a picture of the decedent and gave them his apartment #. The two officers went to the decedent's apartment, knocked and announced several times, but no one answered. The returned to the lobby where the complainant informed them the suspect was seen on the 3rd level of the parking garage.

The officers rode the elevator to the 3rd level of the parking garage and were met by the decedent as soon as the doors opened. The officers attempted to detain the decedent, but he broke free after a struggle and ran into the parking garage. The officers were able to stop him again in the garage, where they struggled in an

attempt to get him to the ground. During the struggle, a pistol fell from the decedent's clothing. The decedent broke free and ran to the far side of the parking garage, along Travis Street. He climbed over the 4.5-foot-high concrete wall, was initially hanging by his fingertips, and then let go when the officers caught up to him and approached him.

The decedent was detained in handcuffs on the street by responding units and alternated between the recovery position and an upright seated position to facilitate his breathing. He was conscious and speaking when he was transported to Ben Taub by the Houston Fire Department (HFD), but coded as they were sheeling him to the trauma room. He never recovered and was pronounced deceased at 0643 hours.
The decedent has two felony warrants: one for Terroristic Threat on a Peace Officer and one for Identity Theft.