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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	19-675-UF	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	7/29/2020 8:26 AM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Denton County Sheriff's Office.	Agency Address:	127 N. Woodrow Ln. Suite 300
Agency City:	Denton	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	76205		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Sheriff	Director First Name:	Tracy
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Murphree		
Reporter Name:	Michael Tutt	Reporter Email:	michael.tutt@dentoncounty.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Jack

Middle Name: Daniel

Last Name: West

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 5/1/1958 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 61

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 6/29/2019 6:57 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 6/29/2019 7:28 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)

Manner of Death: Homicide (includes Justifiable Homicide)

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Multiple Gunshot Wounds-Tarrant County Medical Examiner

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

Medical Treatment:	Not Applicable

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:	631 Boswell Crossing	City:	Lantana
County:	Denton	Zip:	76226

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:

N/A

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 w/ Deadly Weapon

Offense 2:

Unlawful Restraint

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:	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:	Discharged firearm

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)
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):	N/A	Make suicidal statements?:	N/A
Exhibit any mental health problems?:	N/A	Exhibit any medical problems?:	N/A

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?:	No
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:	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 06-29-2019, at approximately 06:30 am, the suspect, Jack West, entered the residence of Donald and Paulette Wills of Lantana, Denton County, Texas. West is the domestic partner of Donald Wills', Jerry Wills. On 06-26-2019, West had assaulted Jerry to the point he required hospitalization, West believed Jerry was at the brother's house recovering from the assault. West, armed with a shotgun, entered the residence and confronted Donald and Paulette in the kitchen. West directed them to the living room. Unknown to West, a third person was in the residence and witnessed West confront the Wills with the weapon. The witness called the Denton County Sheriff's Office and reported the incident. Two Denton County Deputies responded and met the witness outside the residence. The witness advised the deputies to enter the residence through the open garage. As deputies entered the residence through the kitchen area, they observed the West, announced their presence and directed him to show them his hands. At this point West turned towards the deputies and fired one round from his shotgun. Both deputies returned fire and West was struck multiple times. EMS arrived a short time later, by then West had expired and was announced dead on the scene. This investigation was turned over to the Texas Rangers.