



KEN PAXTON

ATTORNEY GENERAL *of* TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number: 18-854-C

Version Type: AMENDED

Report Date: 9/13/2018 9:27 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: Art

Director Middle Name:

Director Last Name: Acevedo

Reporter Name: Kimberly Fowler

Reporter Email: kimberly.fowler@houstonpolice.org

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Ronald

Middle Name: Dewayne

Last Name: Singletary

Suffix: Mr.

Date of Birth: 7/5/1975

Sex: Male

Race: Black or African
American

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: 9/8/2018 9:50 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 9/8/2018 2:41 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:

Rifle Wound of Head

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?: Rifle/shotgun

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: 18505 Tiffany Court

City: Houston

County: Harris

Zip: 77058

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: Police Custody
(pre-booking)

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 (Public Servant)

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: 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): Unknown

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:

Barricade self or initiate standoff?: Yes

Resist being handcuffed or arrested?: Yes

Physically attempt/assault officer(s): No

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 Saturday, September 8, 2016 at approximately 8:45 a.m., Officer C. H. Ramos and Officer M. Peel, both assigned to the Houston Police Department's Patrol Region 2 Command, Clear Lake Division, were dispatched to 16505 Tiffany Court #7, regarding a "Suspicious Person with a Weapon."

Upon arrival at the scene, Officers Ramos and Peel made contact with a resident of the complex, who advised there were multiple gunshots coming from apartment #7. As officers approached the apartment, they heard a male yelling irately from an open upstairs window. The officer asked the suspect to come outside and talk to them, but he refused. A short time after making verbal contact with the suspect, the officers were forced to take cover, as they heard gunshots erupt from inside the suspect's apartment. As a result, officers requested additional units and SWAT, since the suspect was barricaded inside the apartment. While waiting for their support, officers continued to hear gunshots coming from within the suspect's apartment.

Officer K. Drey assigned to the Homeland Security Demand, Tactical Operations Division, was the first SWAT, officer to arrive on the scene, and was quickly briefed by Officers Ramos and Peel. As Officer Drey was suiting up with his tactical gear, he heard a gunshot from inside apartment #7. Consequently, Officer Drey

strategically made his way towards the unit and assumed a tactical position behind some parked vehicles under a carport, so he could see the back door of apartment #7. During his positioning, Officer Drey heard multiple gunshots coming from inside apartment #7.

Once Officer Drey was in position he heard the suspect remotely start his Cadillac Escalade, which was parked directly outside his back door ground level. Officer Drey feared the suspect planned to exit his apartment and get into his vehicle, creating a greater danger to other citizens and officers, so he cautiously made his way towards the suspect's vehicle and punctured both of the driver side tires with his knife.

Officer Drey then moved back to his original location. While repositioning with his Larue OBR 308 duty rifle, the suspect walked out of the back door, holding a shotgun and a pistol. The suspect then pointed the shotgun and fired in the direction of Officers Drey, Ramos, and Peel, so Officer Drey returned a single gunshot at the suspect, striking him in the head, immediately incapacitating him. Down on the ground but still clenching both weapons, responding SWAT officers pulled the suspect from the back patio area and into the parking lot to administer first aid. HFD responded to the scene and transported the suspect, identified as Ronald Singletary, to Clear Lake Regional Medical Center. Mr. Singletary was pronounced dead shortly after arrival.