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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number: 19-221-UF

Version Type: ORIGINAL
VERSION

Report Date: 3/11/2019 1:58 PM

Status: Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name: Monahans Police
Dept.

Agency Address: 114 S. Bruce St.

Agency City: Monahans

Agency State: TX

Agency Zip: 79756

Director Information

Director Salutation: Chief

Director First Name: William

Director Middle Name: E

Director Last Name: Riley

Reporter Name: William Riley

Reporter Email: chief.police@cityofmonahans.org

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Rodney

Middle Name: Ernest II

Last Name: Lassiter

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 4/21/1988

Sex: Male

Race: Black or African
American

Age At Time Of Death: 30

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

Date/Time of Custody or
Incident: 3/9/2019 8:00 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 3/9/2019 8:00 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: Other - specify

Manner of Death Description:

Gun Shot

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Multiple gun shot wounds of neck, torso, and extremities

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?: 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?: Could not be
determined

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: 300 blk of north
Bruce street

City: Monahans

County: Ward

Zip: 79756

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

Location Category: Other, specify

Other Location Category:

Alley residential area

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?: 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:

Attempted capital murder

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?:	No	Resist being handcuffed or arrested?:	N/A
Physically attempt/assault officer(s):	Yes	Gain possession of officer's weapon:	N/A
Verbally threaten other(s) including law:	N/A	Escape or attempt to escape/flee custody:	Yes
Attempt gain possession officer's weapon:	N/A		

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 March 09, 2019 at approximately 8:30 am Monahans Police Department Communications received a call advising of a male suspect discharging a firearm in the area of 700 block of N. Bruce. Officers were dispatched to the area, Officer Diaz located the suspect walking near A Street and North Allen. Officer Diaz

attempted to make contact with the suspect, the suspect discharged a firearm towards Officer Diaz striking the driver side door of Officer Diaz' patrol unit. The suspect fled on foot north bound, a Ward County Sheriff's Office Patrol unit occupying two deputies located the suspect on East B Street and N. Bruce. The suspect discharged a firearm towards the WCSO deputies, striking their patrol unit twice. The suspect then fled south bound in the alley way where he engaged Sergeant Andino of the Monahans Police Department. Sergeant Andino discharged his department issued M4 rifle at the suspect. Sgt. Andino neutralized the suspects threats by striking the suspect. The suspect had two firearms in his possession, one in each hand when he engaged Sgt. Andino.