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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	18-983-C	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	4/16/2019 10:23 AM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Wylie Police Dept.	Agency Address:	2000 N. Hwy. 78
Agency City:	Wylie	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	75098		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Chief	Director First Name:	Anthony
Director Middle Name:	B		
Director Last Name:	Henderson		
Reporter Name:	Tommy Walters	Reporter Email:	tommy.walters@wylietexas.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Austin

Middle Name:

Last Name: Schell

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 1/11/2003 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 15

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 10/10/2018 2:50 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 10/10/2018 3:06 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:

Blunt force injuries due to motor vehicle crash.

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?: Vehicle-involved death

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: Vehicle accident

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address: 1345 State Hwy 78 City: Farmersville

County: Collin Zip: 75442

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

Location Category: Roadway/highway/street/sidewalk

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:

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:

Aggravated Assault SBI with a deadly weapon

Offense 2:

Evading Arrest with a Vehicle

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:	Used other weapon, specify:; Used vehicle as weapon

Specify Weapon Used:

Baseball Bat

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:	Injured civilian(s) or other inmate(s)

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?:	Yes	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?:	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:	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:

On or about 10/10/2018, the Wylie Police Department received multiple calls of a female that had been severely injured by her son and that he took her vehicle. The female had major head injuries and was beaten with a baseball bat repeatedly. An officer located the suspect vehicle immediately fleeing the scene and attempted to stop the vehicle. The deceased, identified as Austin Schell, failed to stop and started fleeing north bound on Hwy 78. When Schell got to Hwy 78 and Hwy 380 in Farmersville, Farmersville PD deployed spike strips which were effective on the passenger side tires. Schell continues at speed of approximately 70 miles per hour for approximately 1.7 miles after the deployment of the spike strips. Schell then went into oncoming traffic with no traffic in his own lane appearing to try to hit a large flatbed truck hauling porta-potties. The truck attempted to take evasive action by going off of the roadway and Schell continued to go toward the truck without braking. The truck then again tried to take evasive action going further off of the roadway and Schell truck the front left corner of the bed, where the bed and the cab meet. Schell was deceased immediately.

Further investigation revealed that prior to law enforcement being contacted, Schell had used a baseball bat to strike his mother multiple times in the head causing serious injuries.