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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

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Report Date: 7/8/2019 8:34 AM

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Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name: Kaufman County
Sheriff's Dept.

Agency Address: P.O BOX 849

Agency City: Kaufman

Agency State: TX

Agency Zip: 75142

Director Information

Director Salutation: Sheriff

Director First Name: Bryan

Director Middle Name: W

Director Last Name: Beavers

Reporter Name: Tim Moore

Reporter Email: tim.moore@kaufmanso.com

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Raul

Middle Name:

Last Name: chavez

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 10/20/1981

Sex: Male

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 37

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

Date/Time of Custody or
Incident: 12/2/2018 4:42 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 12/2/2018 6:32 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: Suicide

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Gunshot wound through roof of mouth and exited top 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?: 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?: 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: US Hwy 175 just
east of Jiba Road

City: Kaufman

County: Kaufman

Zip: 75142

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: 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:

Dallas Police in process of getting a warrant for Aggravated Assault W/ Deadly weapon. Dallas put out a BOLO for suspect and vehicle

Offense 2:

Evading Detention W/ Motor 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: No

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): Unknown

Make suicidal statements?: Yes

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?:	Yes	Resist being handcuffed or arrested?:	N/A
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 Sunday, 12-02-2018, at approximately 4:42am a.m., the Kaufman County Sheriff's Office was advised of a law enforcement alert for a vehicle being driven by Raul Chavez, H/M, DOB: 10-20-1981 issued by Dallas Police Department. It was later ascertained that Raul Chavez was involved in the shooting of a domestic partner in the City of Dallas earlier in the morning and had fled within the wanted vehicle according to witnesses. Dallas Police Department were in the process of obtaining an arrest warrant for Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon when Kaufman County Sheriff's Office Deputies encountered the vehicle driving eastbound on U.S. Highway 175 in Kaufman County, and attempted to conduct a traffic stop resulting in a vehicle pursuit when the vehicle fled from law enforcement. A tire deflation system was successfully deployed disabled two tires on the vehicle and resulting in the vehicle stopping on U.S. Highway 175 just east of Jiba Road in Kaufman, Texas. A negotiator with the Dallas Police Department attempted to talk to Raul Chavez during the incident over cellular telephone and potential suicidal statements were made during these conversations. Deputies took up tactical positions and according to law enforcement interviews a "pop" was heard, although no visual witnesses to the shooting were ascertained. A tactical approach was conducted after 45 minutes to an hour and Raul Chavez was observed to have a gunshot wound to the head, a .45 caliber handgun in his right hand with the index finger on the trigger, and a cellular telephone in his left hand. EMS personnel and the Justice of the Peace responded to the scene and Raul Chavez was pronounced deceased at the scene. A single .45 caliber spent shell casing and a single projectile located in the ceiling of the vehicle above his head were recovered. It was ascertained through the Dallas County Medical Examiner that a single entrance wound was observed in his mouth and a single exit wound was observed on the top of his head.