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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

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Report Date:	6/17/2019 12:48 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Belton Police Dept.	Agency Address:	PO BOX 120
Agency City:	Belton	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	76513		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Chief	Director First Name:	Gene
Director Middle Name:	G.		
Director Last Name:	Ellis		
Reporter Name:	Gene Ellis	Reporter Email:	police@beltontexas.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Jacob

Middle Name: Israel

Last Name: Cadena

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 3/23/1997 Sex: Male

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 21

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 12/4/2018 11:50 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 12/4/2018 12:01 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:

Gun shot wound to 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: 500 E. 2nd Avenue
City: Belton
County: Bell
Zip: 76513

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

Location Category: Other, specify

Other Location Category:

Drainage open area near roadway.

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 with a Firearm

Offense 2:

Felony Assault - Strangulation

Offense 3:

Assault Bodily Injury - Family Violence

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?: Unknown

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?:	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?:	No	Resist being handcuffed or arrested?:	Unknown
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:	Yes, mark which restraint devices were used

Type of restraint

Type of Restraint:	Other device, specify
Other device, specify:	An officer was holding onto him to detain and prevent him from removing weapon from his waistband.

Summary of Incident

Summary of How the Death Occurred: (max. 30,000 characters)

Summary:

On December 4, 2018, a Belton Detective, was assigned case number 18003400 for further investigation. The report was concerning an aggravated assault where the suspect used and exhibited a deadly weapon, a handgun, during the commission of the assault (PC Sec. 22.02 Aggravated Assault) and assault involving a family member where the suspect was impeding the normal breathing or circulation of the blood of person by applying pressure to the person's throat or neck (PC Sec. 22.01 (b)(2)(B)Assault).

At about 1145 AM, on December 4, 2018, a Belton Officer observed the suspect, Jacob Cadena, from the above assault walking near the Belton Police Department at 711 E. 2nd Avenue. The Detective advised Officers that he would like to speak to Cadena in reference the Aggravated Assault and to be careful because Cadena was reported to be armed.

At about 1150 AM, Officers attempted to make contact with Cadena as he walked on the sidewalk on the north side of the police department near 2nd Ave. The officers advised Cadena they wished to just speak with him and he continued to walk away from them. An unmarked police vehicle occupied by four Belton Detectives pulled past where Cadena was walking and stopped in the 500 block of E. 2nd Ave at about the same time Cadena began walking across 2nd Ave. towards the northside of the roadway. It was during this time that Cadena began reaching into his waistband. Officers gave orders to him to stop reaching into his waistband and several displayed their duty firearms. Cadena produced a handgun at the same time a Belton Detective grabbed him from behind in a "bear hug" manner. Cadena then shot himself in the head with the handgun he was holding. The Detective's firearm was still holstered. No Belton officers discharged their weapon. Cadena was pronounced deceased on the scene.

Incident was captured on Body Worn Cameras.

Full investigative report with photos, videos, and statements is available.