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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	19-362-PF	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	6/12/2019 10:29 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: Brian

Middle Name: Van

Last Name: Duong

Suffix: Mr.

Date of Birth: 6/24/1973

Sex: Male

Race: Asian or Pacific Islander

Age At Time Of Death: 45

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 3/29/2019 3:00 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 3/31/2019 5:10 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 pending

What was the manner of death? (select only one)

Manner of Death: Suicide

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Complications of acute cocaine toxicity

Had the decedent been receiving treatment for the medical condition that caused the death after admission to your jail's jurisdiction?

Medical Treatment: Unknown

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?: Not Applicable

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: Drug overdose

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address:	7014 Will Clayton Parkway	City:	Houston
County:	Harris	Zip:	77338

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

Location Category: Other, specify

Other Location Category:

Hotel

What type of custody/facility was the Decedent in at the time of death:

Type of Custody: Private Facility

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

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: Displayed other weapon, specify:

Specify Weapon Displayed:

Used Knife to cut girlfrienc throat then injested large amount of cocaine

At any time during the incident and/or entry into the law enforcement facility, did the decedent:

Yes (select all that

Attempt to Injure Others?:	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):	Unknown	Make suicidal statements?:	Yes
Exhibit any mental health problems?:	Unknown	Exhibit any medical problems?:	Yes

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:	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:	Yes, mark which restraint devices were used

Type of restraint

Type of Restraint:	Handcuffs

Summary of Incident

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

Summary:

On Friday, March 29, 2019, at 0250 hours, Officers G.H. Johnson, J. L. Arnold, Officer J. Lopez and J. Rivera were dispatched to a "Cutting Just Occurred" call at 7014 Will Clayton Parkway. The complainant Natalie Q Nguyen was found in the hotel office bleeding profusely from lacerations to her neck and hands.

The complainant told officers she had just arrived from Vietnam and was picked up from the airport by her boyfriend Brian V. Duong. The complainant stated she and Suspect Duong had argued and later, as she was sleeping, the suspect cut her throat. The complainant stated she fought with the suspect for the knife and he told the complainant he did not accept her and he was going to kill her and himself.

Officers contacted the Houston Fire Department and began to search for the suspect. Officers located the suspect in room #104, and took him into custody. The suspect stated he and his girlfriend were engaged to be married and that she had just returned from Vietnam. the suspect stated they both argued because she refused to marry him or to have his baby. The suspect waited until his girlfriend went to sleep and then he cut her throat. The suspect admitted to the officers that he had taken a large amount of cocaine (the entire statement was recorded on Officer Arnold's Body Worn Camera). As officers were waiting for EMS and processing the scene, the suspect began to have seizures.

The suspect was transported to a local hospital where he remained in critical condition until he was pronounced deceased at 0510 hours on March 31, 2019. Mr. Duong was taken to the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences for an autopsy to determine the cause and manner of death.