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## ATTORNEY GENERAL *of* TEXAS

### CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

## Agency Information

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CDR Number: 19-886-UF

Version Type: AMENDED

Report Date: 3/11/2020 10:52  
AM

Status: Submitted

## Agency/Facility Information

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Agency Name: Kerrville Police  
Dept.

Agency Address: 429 Sidney Baker  
St.

Agency City: Kerrville

Agency State: TX

Agency Zip: 78028

## Director Information

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Director Salutation: Chief

Director First Name: David

Director Middle Name: J.

Director Last Name: Knight

Reporter Name: David Knight

Reporter Email: david.knight@kerrvilletx.gov

## Decedent Information

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## Identity of Deceased

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First Name: Tommy

Middle Name: Luke

Last Name: Hranicky

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 11/5/2001

Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 17

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

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Date/Time of Custody or  
Incident: 9/2/2019 3:43 AM

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

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Death Date and Time: 9/2/2019 3:45 AM

## Manner / Cause of Death

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Has a medical examiner or coroner conducted an evaluation to determine a cause of death?

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Medical Examiner/Coroner  
Evaluation?: Yes, results are  
available

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

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Manner of Death: Homicide (includes  
Justifiable  
Homicide)

## Medical Cause of Death:

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Medical Cause of Death:

Single gunshot wound of chest.

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

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Medical Treatment: No

If death was an accident, homicide or suicide, who caused the death?

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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)

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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?

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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?

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Means of Death: Firearm

## Location / Custody Information

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Where did the event causing the death occur?

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Street Address: 921 Sidney Baker

City: Kerrville

County: Kerr

Zip: 78028

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

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Location Category: Parking lot/garage

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

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Type of Custody: Pre-Custodial Use  
of Force

Specific type of custody/facility:

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Specific Type of Custody/Facility:

N/A

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):

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Entry Date Time:

Entry Date Time N/A: 

Where did the death occur?

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Death Location: Scene of incident

## General Information

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Did any other law enforcement agencies respond to calls for service related to this incident?

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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?

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Offense 1:

Aggravated Assault - Public Servant

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)

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Type of Offense: Other, specify

Type of Offense, Other:

Suspicious Person / Welfare Concern

At any time during the incident and/or entry into the law enforcement facility, did the decedent display or use a weapon?

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Decedent display/use of weapons: Yes, mark all that apply

Decedent Display or Use Weapon Details: Displayed other weapon, specify:

Specify Weapon Displayed:

Knife

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

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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:

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|----------------------------------------|----|--------------------------------|---------|
| Appear intoxicated (alcohol or drugs): | No | Make suicidal statements?:     | Unknown |
| 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:

|                                           |     |                                           |    |
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| Barricade self or initiate standoff?:     | No  | Resist being handcuffed or arrested?:     | No |
| Physically attempt/assault officer(s):    | Yes | 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: No

## Summary of Incident

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

Summary:

On 9/1/19 at approximately 1538 hours, officers were dispatched Tractor Supply 1305 Sidney Baker, Kerrville, Kerr County, Texas, regarding a white male carrying a large knife and showing people the knife as they drive past the subject. At approximately 1543 hours, the uniformed Officer makes contact with the subject who is walking southbound in the 1000 block of Sidney Baker on the east side of the roadway. Upon contact with the Officer, the subject displays the knife and continuously approaches the officer. Approximately 52 seconds,

after initial contact, the Officer shoots Hranicky in the parking lot of Texas Tobacco located at 921 Sidney Baker, Kerrville, Kerr County, Texas.

The Officer pulls onto Wheless Avenue south of the subject who is walking southbound on the east side of Sidney Baker entering the 900 Blk with his overhead lights activated and exits the vehicle. He begins to try to speak with the subject who has a jacket and knife in his hands. The subject momentarily stops, pushes eye glasses on and then walks a few steps to almost the center of Wheless Avenue when he stops and turns his back to the Officer. The subject has his jacket in his hand and as he turns his back his hands are moving. The Officer verbalizes "How you doing? Whats going on? Hey just leave the knife where its at man. What are you doing? You're not in trouble."

As the subject has his back turned and moving his hands, the knife falls to the ground clattering as it hits. The jacket is still in the subjects hand but then he intentionally drops the jacket in the roadway. The Officer verbalizes "Okay, leave it."

The subject bends over, bending at the waist with a slight bend at the knees and picks the knife up from the ground. He then turns to face the Officer who verbalizes "What are you doing?"

The subject begins walking towards the Officer with the knife point down in his right hand and his left hand pushing his eye glasses up. The Officer draws his weapon and is at the low ready as he begins backing up. The Officer verbalizes "What are you doing? Don't do this. Drop the knife! Drop the knife."

The subject, as he continues to walk towards the Officer, places his left hand over the center of his chest and taps his chest and tells the Officer "Hit me right here. Alright?"

The subject continues to advance on the Officer as the Officer backs up and continues to verbalize "Drop the knife. Drop the knife."

The Officer is still retreating and is forward of the open driver door on the KPD Ford Explorer, again verbalizes "Drop it man. Don't do this. Drop the knife."

The Officer has backed up and is positioned at the right front headlight of the patrol unit as the subject is rounding the front of the vehicle. The subject is at the left front headlight as the Officer is at the right front headlight of the patrol vehicle, a separation distance of approximately 6 feet. The Officer continues to retreat as the subject continues approaching him with the knife still in his right hand. The subject moves his left hand up to his hat, removes it and continues to approach with his ball cap in his left hand, knife in his right hand as the Officer retreats. The Officer verbalizes "Don't do this. Drop it. Drop it. Come on man, drop the knife. Please."

The subject places his hat back on his head and continues approaching the Officer. The subject continues moving towards the Officer, placing his left hand on the bill of his hat. The knife is still in his right hand. The subject is now abreast of the driver rear view mirror of a parked red Volvo in the parking lot of Texas Tobacco. The Officer is at the driver rear tire of the parked red Volvo. The Officer again verbalizes "Drop the knife. Drop the knife, please. Drop the knife."

The subject advances on the Officer as the Officer retreats. The subject is at the rear of the Volvo as the Officer has backed up into the parking lot. The subject states "I can't go back" as the Officer again tells him to "Drop the knife", the subject again says "I can't go back." The subject takes a step forward to continue his advance on the Officer, placing the Officer in fear for his life who then discharges his weapon and striking the subject with a single round.

The Officer told the subject approximately 13 time to drop the knife wherein the subject failed to comply with the Officers commands while continually advancing on him prior to the Officer firing his weapon. The total time from the initial encounter to shots fired is approximately 52 seconds.