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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number: 19-1364-UF

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Report Date: 7/6/2020 9:12 AM

Status: Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name: League City Police
Dept.

Agency Address: 555 West Walker

Agency City: League City

Agency State: TX

Agency Zip: 77573

Director Information

Director Salutation: Chief

Director First Name: Gary

Director Middle Name:

Director Last Name: Ratliff

Reporter Name: Cliff Woitena

Reporter Email: cliff.woitena@leaguecitytx.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Matthew

Middle Name: Jonathon

Last Name: Krupar

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 11/22/1988

Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 31

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 12/11/2019 4:22 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 12/11/2019 4:22 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: Homicide (includes Justifiable Homicide)

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

"CAUSE OF DEATH: Gunshot wounds of the neck, torso, and right upper extremity"

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?: Law
enforcement/correctional
personnel

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: 6500 Block of
Turner Fields Ln

City: League City

County: Galveston

Zip: 77539

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?: 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:

Assault on a Peace Officer

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: No

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 law enforcement personnel

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

Appear intoxicated (alcohol or drugs): Yes

Make suicidal statements?: No

Exhibit any mental health problems?: Yes

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?: Yes

Physically attempt/assault officer(s): Yes

Gain possession of officer's weapon: No

Verbally threaten other(s) including law: Yes

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 12/11/19, a League City Police Officer was dispatched to the 6500 block of Turner Fields Lane, in reference to a suspicious person. The suspicious person was described as a white male wearing a T-shirt and boxer shorts, covered in blood and running around in the street yelling and waving his arms. As the first responding officer arrived, he was approached by a male fitting the description given in the original call notes. The officer noticed that the male was very excited and had lacerations to one of his wrists. The officer attempted to calm the male and get him to sit down so his injuries could be assessed, and aid rendered. The male refused to sit, and his behavior and statements indicated an altered mental status. The male continued to advance toward the officer despite the officers' commands to stop. The male turned from excited to aggressive and made comments that he was going to kill the officer. The officer drew his baton and ordered the male to stop. The male made another statement that he was going to kill the officer and then stuck the officer in the face with a closed fist. The officer then delivered 2 strikes from his expandable baton to the male's upper torso. The strikes did not stop the male from advancing on the officer and he continued to state that he was going to kill the officer. The officer then attempted a third baton strike but lost control and possession of the baton during the swing. The officer continued to attempt to create distance, but the male continued to advance. The officer delivered a front kick to the male's chest in an attempted to take him off his feet, but the male was unphased by the kick and grabbed the officer's leg. At this point, the male had been unphased by baton strikes and the kick to the chest. The male had also continuously advanced on the officer stating that he was going to kill him even as the officer attempted to create distance. The officer believed that he was in a life and death struggle and that the male was about to take him to the ground giving the male the

advantage and superior position. Based on this belief, the officer drew his handgun and fired. The rounds struck the male in the upper torso and neck. The male released the officer's leg and continued to advance on the officer several feet before he collapsed to the ground.