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ATTORNEY GENERAL *of* TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number: 21-1319-UF

Version Type: ORIGINAL
VERSION

Report Date: 10/5/2021 11:46
AM

Status: Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name: Galveston County
Sheriff's Dept.

Agency Address: 601 54th St., Ste
2100

Agency City: Galveston

Agency State: TX

Agency Zip: 77551

Director Information

Director Salutation: Sheriff

Director First Name: Henry

Director Middle Name:

Director Last Name: Trochesset

Reporter Name: Dennis Macik

Reporter Email: dennis.macik@co.galveston.tx.us

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: william

Middle Name: anthony

Last Name: Morris

Suffix: II

Date of Birth: 12/11/1971

Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 49

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

Date/Time of Custody or 3/11/2021 11:51
Incident: AM

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

Death Date and Time: 4/7/2021 6:09 PM

Manner / Cause of Death

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

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

Gun Shot of Torso

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

Medical Treatment: No

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?: Rifle/shotgun

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: 5102 Ave S

City: Galveston

County: Galveston

Zip: 77551

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

Location Category: Residence/Home

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 subsequent to 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: Medical facility

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 on a Police Officer

Offense 2:

Possession of a Control Substance Felony Level

Offense 3:

Were the Charges:: Filed

What were the types of charges or reason for contact? (Hold CTRL to select all that apply)

Type of Offense: Alcohol / drug
offense

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 firearm
without discharge

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): Yes

Make suicidal statements?: Unknown

Exhibit any mental health problems?: N/A

Exhibit any medical problems?: N/A

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: 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:

Galveston County Sherriff's Office Special Operation Group was executing a Narcotic Search Warrant at 5102 Ave S, Galveston, Texas and upon entry into Morris's' residence , he exited a bedroom armed with a handgun. Deputies gave Morris several verbal commands to drop the firearm but Morris refused then pointed the weapon at Deputies. After being in fear for their safety, a deputy shot Morris. Morris was treated at the scene by SOG Medical personal and was transferred to UTMB Hospital by EMS. After several days in the hospital, Morris passed away on March 23, 2021 at approximately 5:20AM. Autopsy was preformed by Galveston Medical Examiner with the cause of Death as Gunshot Wound of Torso.