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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	20-395-C	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	5/12/2020 1:54 PM	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:	Lieutenant	Director First Name:	Melissa
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Countryman		
Reporter Name:	Kimberly Fowler	Reporter Email:	kimberly.fowler@houstonpolice.org

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Nicolas

Middle Name: Casey

Last Name: Chavez

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 8/23/1992 Sex: Male

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 27

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 4/21/2020 9:39 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 4/21/2020 9:39 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:

Multiple gunshot wounds

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:	800 Gazin	City:	Houston
County:	Harris	Zip:	77020

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

Location Category: Parking lot/garage

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:

Assault with a Deadly Weapon

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: Other, specify

Type of Offense, Other:

Reportee contacted police about assault and suicide in progress call male running

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:

Piece of rebar with pointed end (approx. 6-8 inches long

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:	Attempted to injure law enforcement personnel; 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):	Yes	Make suicidal statements?:	Yes
Exhibit any mental health problems?:	Yes	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?:	Yes	Resist being handcuffed or arrested?:	Yes
Physically attempt/assault officer(s):	Yes	Gain possession of officer's weapon:	Yes
Verbally threaten other(s) including law:	Yes	Escape or attempt to escape/flee custody:	Unknown
Attempt gain possession officer's weapon:	Yes		

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 Tuesday, April 21, 2020 at approximately 9:00 p.m., Houston Police Officers assigned to the Northeast Patrol Division responded to a "Suicide in Progress" call at Lockwood Drive and I-10. The responding officers received numerous supplement calls and were informed the suspect was in the 800 block of Gazin and jumping in front of moving vehicles. Officers responded to the location and observed the suspect in a parking lot next to a light pole. As the officers engaged the suspect, he began stabbing himself with a pointed object.

A sergeant discharged his bean bag shot gun which had no effect on the suspect. The suspect continued to injure himself and officers discharged their Conducted Energy Devices (CED) which also had no effect on him. The suspect charged at a Sergeant with the pointed object in his hand and the Sergeant fired his pistol at the suspect, striking him at least once. The suspect still refused to drop his pointed weapon and continued to stab himself, while yelling for police to kill him. The suspect attempted to charge officers and an officer discharged his pistol as a second Sergeant discharged his bean bag shotgun at the suspect. The suspect then threw the pointed object at officers and shortly after gained control of a Taser that had been dropped by an officer. The suspect began to raise the Taser in the direction of officers and four officers discharged their weapons, striking the suspect several times. The suspect was pronounced deceased by responding Houston Fire Department EMS personnel.