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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	20-451-UF	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	6/11/2020 1:11 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:	Randy
Middle Name:	Roszwell
Last Name:	Lewis
Suffix:	
Date of Birth:	7/31/1981
Sex:	Male
Race:	Black or African American
Age At Time Of Death:	38

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident:	5/16/2020 10:12 AM

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

Death Date and Time:	5/16/2020 10:27 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 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:

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?

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:	8535 Braeswood	City:	Houston
County:	Harris	Zip:	77071

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: Pre-Custodial Use of Force

Specific type of custody/facility:

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):

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:

Capital Murder

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: Used other weapon, specify:

Specify Weapon Used:

Knife

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; Killed 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?:	Unknown
Exhibit any mental health problems?:	Unknown	Exhibit any medical problems?:	Unknown

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):	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 Saturday, May 16, 2020, at approximately 10:01 a.m. Houston Police Patrol Officer W. Linares, assigned to S. Gessner Patrol, responded to a Suspicious Person with a Knife call at the Fiesta Mart located at 8650 S. Braeswood Blvd. Multiple officers responded and did not locate the suspect at that location. Officer Linares then canvassed the area and drove to the Walgreens located at 8535 S. Braeswood Blvd. Upon arrival, Officer Linares was immediately flagged down by a witness who stated the suspect stabbed an elderly female before entering the victim's vehicle. The elderly female was lying on the ground near her car, as Officer Linares was directed to the suspect sitting inside the victim's vehicle. Officer Linares ordered the suspect out of the victim's vehicle. The suspect exited the vehicle and moved quickly towards Officer Linares with a knife in his right hand. At 10:12 a.m., Officer Linares, in fear of serious bodily injury or death, fired his duty weapon twice, striking the suspect once. The suspect was pronounced deceased at 10:27 a.m. HFD transported the elderly female victim to Memorial Hermann in the Medical Center where she was pronounced deceased. Witnesses on scene stated the suspect was attempting to take the 80 year old victim's vehicle after fatally stabbing her.