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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

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Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Texas Department Of Public Safety	Agency Address:	PO BOX 4087
Agency City:	Austin	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	78773		

Director Information

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Director Last Name:	McCraw		
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Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Eric

Middle Name: Drake

Last Name: Feenstra

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 8/14/1973 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 47

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 12/10/2020 1:00 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 12/10/2020 1:00 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?:	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: 6195 FM 251 South
City: Bivins
County: Cass
Zip: 75555

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

Location Category: Other, specify

Other Location Category:

Property Outbuilding

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?: 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 on a Public Servant

Offense 2:

Burglary of a Building

Offense 3:

Parole Violation - Fraudulent Possession of ID Info

Were the Charges:: Filed

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

Type of Offense: Violent Crime Against Persons; Crime Against Property

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: Discharged firearm

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

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?:	Yes
Exhibit any mental health problems?:	Unknown	Exhibit any medical problems?:	No

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?:	No
Physically attempt/assault officer(s):	Yes	Gain possession of officer's weapon:	No
Verbally threaten other(s) including law:	Unknown	Escape or attempt to escape/flee custody:	Yes
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 December 9, 2020, at approximately 7:00 PM, the Cass County Sheriff's Office requested assistance from a Special Response Team (SRT) of the Texas Ranger Division with an ongoing manhunt.

Earlier in the day, deputies attempted to arrest the suspect, Eric Drake Feenstra, at a residence for multiple felony warrants involving Burglary of a Building, Assault on a Public Servant, and a Parole Violation-Fraudulent Possession of Identifying Information. The suspect fled from the residence into a heavily wooded area. Local law enforcement officers and officers with the Texas Department of Public Safety arrived and began setting up a perimeter. While establishing a perimeter, the suspect emerged from the woods and fired a firearm. No one was struck by gunfire. DPS Aircraft pilots began flying over the area and located the suspect moving through the woods.

On December 10, 2020, at approximately 2:07 AM, SRT officers entered the woods and were able to get close to the suspect's location; however, the thick woods prevented the officers from seeing the suspect. The suspect again fired a firearm indiscriminately. No officers returned fire, and no officers were injured. SRT officers exited the woods and monitored the suspect's movements with the assistance of DPS Aircraft. Another SRT team and a Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) canine team responded to assist. Upon arrival and deployment of the TDCJ canine team, the suspect again began to flee in the woods and fired shots. The suspect was observed going to a metal building.

At approximately 10:00 AM, SRT officers moved to the suspect's location. All efforts to establish communication with the suspect were unsuccessful. During the clearing of the building, SRT officers found the suspect hiding under a blanket in a woodpile. The suspect exited the building while still in possession of a handgun and refused to relinquish it. At approximately 1:00 PM, the suspect began to manipulate the weapon with both hands. In response to the suspect's actions and continued refusal to relinquish the weapon, multiple SRT officers fired their weapons at the suspect. the suspect was struck multiple times and was pronounced deceased.