



KEN PAXTON

ATTORNEY GENERAL *of* TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number: 21-169-UF

Version Type: ORIGINAL
VERSION

Report Date: 2/24/2021 11:52
AM

Status: Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name: San Antonio Police
Dept.

Agency Address: 315 S. Santa Rosa

Agency City: San Antonio

Agency State: TX

Agency Zip: 78207

Director Information

Director Salutation: Chief

Director First Name: William

Director Middle Name: P.

Director Last Name: McManus

Reporter Name: Jeremy Goodwin

Reporter Email: jeremy.goodwin@sanantonio.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Erick

Middle Name: Dariel

Last Name: Mejia Varela

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 12/4/1994

Sex: Male

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 26

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

Date/Time of Custody or 1/27/2021 11:11
Incident: AM

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

Death Date and Time: 1/27/2021 11:55
AM

Manner / Cause of Death

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

Medical Examiner/Coroner Yes, results
Evaluation?: pending

What was the manner of death? (select only one)

Homicide (includes

Manner of Death: Justifiable
Homicide)

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Multiple gun shot wounds.

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?: 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: 2310 SW Military Dr.

City: San Antonio

County: Bexar

Zip: 78224

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:

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: 1/27/2021 11:11 AM

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:

Aggravated Assault PO - Deadly Weapon

Offense 2:

Felon in possession of firearm

Offense 3:

Possession of PG 1 1-4 grams

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:

Traffic related

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:

Yes (select all that

Attempt to Injure Others?: 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):	No	Make suicidal statements?:	Yes
Exhibit any mental health problems?:	Yes	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?:	Yes
Physically attempt/assault officer(s):	No	Gain possession of officer's weapon:	No
Verbally threaten other(s) including law:	No	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:

San Antonio Police Officer T. Fields #1628 was working his normal duty assignment in Traffic conducting DOT inspections. Officer Fields observed the suspect vehicle and attempted to make a traffic stop. As he attempted to pull the suspect vehicle over the vehicle continued to drive. Officer Fields was able to get the vehicle to stop and advised the driver/suspect that he was conducting level 1 inspections and needed the suspect to follow him to the DOT inspection site. The suspect appeared to comply and followed Officer Fields. As Officer Fields pulled into the inspection site, the suspect did not stop and continued to drive. Officer Fields

believed the suspect was going to make the turn around to get into the inspection site, but the truck continued and stopped away from the site. The suspect exited the vehicle and ran toward South Park Mall. Officer Fields followed the suspect in his patrol vehicle and broadcasted the suspect was running from him. Officer Fields was able to follow the suspect and as he was following him, Officer Fields observed the suspect had a gun in his right hand. Officer Fields broadcasted the male had a gun and ran to South Park Mall with the gun. When Officer Fields attempted to stop the suspect, and pursued him into the mall, the suspect ran through the mall and into Dick's Sporting Goods. The suspect exited Dick's Sporting Goods through a back door and encountered numerous SAPD officers. The officers on scene continued to give verbal commands for the suspect to drop the gun. The suspect did not comply with commands to drop the gun. The suspect walked east toward the access road of IH-35. The suspect then raised his right arm and pointed the gun at officers. Officers fired at the suspect and struck him multiple times. The suspect fell to the ground and was secured by officers. Life saving measures were attempted, however; the suspect was pronounced deceased at 1155 hours by SAFD.