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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	21-905-UF	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	9/2/2021 10:03 AM	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: Irvin

Middle Name: Jerome

Last Name: Peterson

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 10/23/1985 Sex: Male

Race: Black or African American

Age At Time Of Death: 35

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 7/18/2021 11:28 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 7/18/2021 11:46 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:

Gunshot wounds of the head & Back

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; 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: 3421 Antoine Drive
City: Houston
County: Harris
Zip: 77002

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

Location Category: Other, specify

Other Location Category:

Hotel

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 x2

Offense 2:

Aggravated Assault Against a Public Servant

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: Discharged firearm; Used other weapon, specify:

Specify Weapon Used:

Semi-automatic handgun

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); Injured civilian(s) or other inmate(s); Attempted to injure 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):	No	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?:	Yes	Resist being handcuffed or arrested?:	Yes
Physically attempt/assault officer(s):	Yes	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:	N/A		

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 Sunday, July 18, 2021, at approximately 2308 hours officers with Houston Police Department (HPD) received a 911 call from a suspect, Mr. Irvin Peterson. Mr. Peterson called and told police that if they were not at his residence in five minutes, he would start killing people. HPD Officers assigned to North Patrol Division responded to the call located at the Palace Inn located at 3421 Antoine Drive. While enroute officers were updated that the suspect was firing a gun and had possible shot several people. Officers arrived on scene at approximately 2326 hours and they immediately observed the suspect standing on the second floor balcony of the motel firing at them. Several HPD patrol vehicles were struck with rounds from the suspect upon them. After observing the suspect, officers noticed that there were two people on the balcony that were lying down and unresponsive. At this time, officers observed the male suspect come out of his room that was the 2nd floor and he fired at them. Fearing for their lives and the lives of fellow officers, three HPD Officers returned fire and struck the suspect rendering him deceased. Officers then cautiously approached and found the two downed individuals were also deceased. Prior to the gunfire exchange with officers it was discovered that two other complainants were struck by gunfire by the suspect who were able to feel the scene. One complainant was struck in the upper left arm and drove himself to the hospital. The other complainant was struck in the right forearm and hand and was transported to Memorial Hermann Hospital-Medical Center where he was treated for non-life threatening gunshot wounds. No officer was injured during this incident. This investigation is still on-going.