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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	21-1415-UF	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	11/16/2021 6:05 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:	Chief	Director First Name:	Troy
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Finner		
Reporter Name:	Melissa Countryman	Reporter Email:	melissa.countryman@houstonpolice.org

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Deon

Middle Name: Lee

Last Name: Ledet

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 8/5/1991 Sex: Male

Race: Black or African American

Age At Time Of Death: 30

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 9/20/2021 7:30 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 9/20/2021 8:05 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)

Homicide (includes

Manner of Death:	Justifiable Homicide)

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Multiple perforating and penetrating gunshot wounds of head, torso, and extremeties.

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:	5350 Aeropark Dr. #3203	City:	Houston
County:	Harris	Zip:	77032

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

Location Category: Residence/Home

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:

Capital Murder of a Public Servant

Offense 2:

Aggravated Assault - 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: Other, specify

Type of Offense, Other:

Outstanding warrant for PCS

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:	Killed law enforcement personnel; Injured law enforcement personnel; 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):	N/A	Make suicidal statements?:	N/A
Exhibit any mental health problems?:	N/A	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?:	No
Physically attempt/assault officer(s):	No	Gain possession of officer's weapon:	Unknown
Verbally threaten other(s) including law:	No	Escape or attempt to escape/flee custody:	Yes
Attempt gain possession officer's weapon:	Unknown		

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 Monday, September 20, 2021, at approximately 0730 hours, Houston Police Department Officers assigned to the Major Offenders Division were serving an arrest warrant at 5350 Aeropark Dr. #3203. The warrant was for the Suspect, Deon Lee Ledet, who had outstanding narcotics related warrants. The officers knocked on the door and a female occupant answered the door. The female advised that the suspect was inside the residence. The officers called out to the suspect to turn himself in, so that he could take care of his warrants. While still attempting to make contact with the suspect, the suspect began to fire his fully automatic pistol at the officers, immediately striking two police officers. Three of the officers on the scene returned fire, causing the suspect to attempt to flee using the rear door of the apartment. An additional officer was maintaining the rear perimeter and fired at the suspect as he exited the rear door. The suspect retreated into the apartment and exited the front door where he began to fire additional rounds at the officers at the front of the apartment. This time the suspect was using a rifle and three officers responded to the threat by returning fire. The suspect was struck multiple times and did not survive his injuries. One officer was killed in this incident and another received two gunshot wounds to the abdomen.