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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number: 21-1659-UF

Version Type: AMENDED

Report Date: 6/13/2022 9:48 AM

Status: Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name: Bowie County
Sheriff's Office

Agency Address: 100 North State
Line, BOX 18

Agency City: Texarkana

Agency State: TX

Agency Zip: 75501

Director Information

Director Salutation: Sheriff

Director First Name: JEFF

Director Middle Name:

Director Last Name: NEAL

Reporter Name: Robby McCarver

Reporter Email: robby.mccarver@bowiecounty.org

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Mark

Middle Name: Robert

Last Name: Peters

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 12/18/1961

Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 59

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 12/10/2021 11:39 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 12/12/2021 1:19 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:

Decedent was involved in a lengthy stand-off with law enforcement and was ultimately shot to prevent harm to others. He suffered a single gunshot wound to the torso. Forensic Autopsy is pending.

***Amended Information-per medical examiner "Based on the case history and autopsy findings, it is my opinion the Mark Robert Peters, a 59 year-old white male, died as the result of a penetrating rifle round of the trunk."

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?: 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 Pre-existing medical
condition?: condition

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: 6588 FM 44e

City: Simms

County: Bowie

Zip: 75574

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:

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: Medical facility

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:

Aggravated Assault On Public Servant

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: Medical / Mental
Health assistance
call

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;
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): Yes

Make suicidal statements?: Yes

Exhibit any mental health problems?: Yes

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?: No

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: 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 12-10-2021 at approximately 11:39am Bowie County Sheriff's Office deputies were dispatched to 6588 FM 44e Simms, TX in reference to a disturbance involving a suicidal subject. Upon arrival, deputies were advised that Mark Robert Peters w/m 12-18-1961 was inside of the residence and holding a firearm, irate and suicidal. Deputies approached the residence and attempted to make contact with Peters by knocking on the front door. Peters advised deputies to leave or he would shoot through the door. After warning deputies to

leave, he then fired a weapon through the door. Peters then remained barricaded in his residence for several hours, only coming outside to threaten deputies and fire a weapon. Negotiations went on for an extended time but were not successful. At approximately 3:40pm, Peters exited his residence carrying a handgun (that he had previously been firing) and a shotgun. He walked across his front porch and then exited into his front yard, walking towards the roadway (FM44e). Peters then turned in the direction of law enforcement that were taking cover behind marked patrol cars that were parked in the yard, placing them in imminent danger. Given his prior threats and willingness to shoot at law enforcement, a single shot was fired by law enforcement. Peters was struck in the torso by the projectile. Medical attention was immediately provided with Peters being driven by ambulance to Titus Regional Medical in Mt. Pleasant, TX. He was then air-lifted to UT Tyler Hospital (Tyler, TX) where he remained in critical condition until 12-12-2021. On 12-12-2021 at approximately 1:19pm, we were notified by UT Tyler that Peters had expired. Arrangements were made for Peters to be transported to the Southwestern Institute of Forensic Sciences at Dallas for autopsy. His Autopsy was ordered by Smith County JP Deavers.