



# KEN PAXTON

## ATTORNEY GENERAL *of* TEXAS

### CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

## Agency Information

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CDR Number: 21-1745-UF

Version Type: AMENDED

Report Date: 2/4/2022 9:15 AM

Status: Submitted

## Agency/Facility Information

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Agency Name: Houston Police  
Dept.

Agency Address: 1200 Travis, 16th  
Floor

Agency City: Houston

Agency State: TX

Agency Zip: 77002

## Director Information

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Director Salutation: Chief

Director First Name: Troy

Director Middle Name:

Director Last Name: Finner

Reporter Name: Kimberly Fowler

Reporter Email: kimberly.fowler@houstonpolice.org

## Decedent Information

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### Identity of Deceased

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First Name: Christopher

Middle Name: Earl

Last Name: Johnson

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 11/3/1980

Sex: Male

Race: Black or African  
American

Age At Time Of Death: 41

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

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Date/Time of Custody or 12/26/2021 2:41  
Incident: AM

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

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Death Date and Time: 12/26/2021 3:15  
AM

## Manner / Cause of Death

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

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Medical Examiner/Coroner Yes, results are  
Evaluation?: available

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

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Manner of Death: Homicide (includes  
Justifiable

Homicide)

Medical Cause of Death:

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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?

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Medical Treatment: Not Applicable

If death was an accident, homicide or suicide, who caused the death?

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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)

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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?

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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?

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Means of Death: Firearm

## Location / Custody Information

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Where did the event causing the death occur?

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Street Address: 3500 Corder Street

City: Houston

County: Harris

Zip: 77021

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

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Location Category: Roadway/highway/street/sidewalk

What type of custody/facility was the Decedent in at the time of death:

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Type of Custody: Pre-Custodial Use  
of Force

Specific type of custody/facility:

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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):

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Entry Date Time:

Entry Date Time N/A: ☒

Where did the death occur?

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Death Location: Scene of incident

## General Information

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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 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: Other, specify

Type of Offense, Other:

Discharge of Firearm in City Limits

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?:     | No |
| Exhibit any mental health problems?:   | No      | 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):    | No  | 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 Sunday, December 26, 2021, at approximately 0240 hours, the Houston Police Department received a shot spotter call at the listed location. The responding officers arrived on scene and discovered the suspect standing in the roadway. The suspect begin firing shots towards the Officers, striking one of the patrol

vehicles twice. Officers exited their patrol vehicles and took cover behind them.

A responding sergeant arrived on scene and was informed the officers were taking fire from the suspect. The sergeant removed his patrol rifle and took cover with the officers. The sergeant then provided verbal commands to the suspect approaching them, to which not comply. As the suspect drew his firearm from a hoister on his right hip, the sergeant and officers responded by discharging their duty weapons. The suspect was struck multiple time and succumbed to his wounds on scene. The sergeant nor the officer were injured during this incident.