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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

PA Number:		Report Date:	12/28/2016 9:56 AM
Status:	Submitted		

Agency/Facility Information

Department ID:	48	Department Type:	Police
Agency Name:	Beaumont Police Dept.	Agency Number:	TX1230100
Agency Phone:	409-880-3801	Agency Address:	255 College Street
Agency City:	Beaumont	Agency County:	Jefferson
Agency State:	TX	Agency Zip:	77704

Director Information

Director Salutation:

Chief

Director First Name:

James

Director Middle Name:

Director Last Name:

Singletary

Reporter Name: (i) Renee Watts Reporter Email: renee.watts@oag.texas.gov

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address: 4020 Dowlen Road

City: Beaumont

County: Jefferson

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

Type of Custody:

Police Custody (pre-booking)

Specific type of custody/facility:

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Custody of Law Enforcement Personnel during/fleeing arrest

Custody Type Facility:

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

Death Location Elsewhere:

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Chaz

Middle Name: Logan

Last Name: York

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 8/27/1993 Sex: Male

Ethnicity: Anglo

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

Death Date and Time: 10/26/2016 1:04 PM

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident:

10/26/2016 1:04 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 pending

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

Manner of Death:

Homicide (includes Justifiable Homicide)

Manner of Death Description:

Death Reason:

Injuries only

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Gunshot wound to the chest

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

Death Causer Other:

If a weapon caused the death, what type of weapon caused the death? (mark all that apply)

Type of Death Weapon:

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

General Information

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:

Agg. Assault on a Peace Officer

Offense 2:

Offense 3:

Were the Charges::

Not filed at time of death

What were the types of charges or reason for contact?

Type of Offense:

Violent Crime Against Persons

Injuries of Decedent

Injured By: Injured by Officer

At any time during the incident and/or entry into the law enforcement facility, did the decedent:

Appear intoxicated (alcohol or drugs):	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:

Threaten the officer(s) involved:	Yes	Resist being handcuffed or arrested?:	N/A
Try to escape/flee from custody:	N/A	Grab, hit or fight with the officer(s):	N/A

Other Behavior:

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Specify Other Behavior:

Use weapon threaten/assault officer(s):	Yes

Specify weapon used to threaten/assault:

Baseball bat

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:

Off duty officer was advised of disturbance at 4020 Dowlen Road, Beaumont, Jefferson County, Texas, 77706. Officer was a patron of establishment, ‘Madisons’, a restaurant/bar. Said officer approached parties involved in the disturbance, and according to several witnesses, identified himself as a “Peace Officer”

verbally and by displaying a badge and this disturbance quieted. One party in the disturbance, walked to the rear patio area of said establishment, apparently still angry, and was creating more disturbances with other patrons. This person, now known as the deceased, Chaz York, began striking with his fist and feet, several people who appeared to be trying to calm him down.
The off duty officer is then seen approaching the area outside in the back, trying to calm the situation once again. York fled the scene and ran around the north side of the shopping center, and to an area of the parking lot, directly in front of “Madison’s”. As the officer approached, York had retrieved a baseball bat from the trunk of his vehicle, and threatened to strike the officer. The officer yelled twice for York to “drop it”, referring to the bat, and then fired several shots. York immediately fled on foot, northeast through the parking lot, before collapsing near an exit, and expiring.