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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

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Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Texas Department Of Public Safety	Agency Address:	PO BOX 4087
Agency City:	Austin	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	78773		

Director Information

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Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	McCraw		
Reporter Name:	Joanne Scarbrough	Reporter Email:	joanne.scarbrough@dps.texas.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Jake

Middle Name: Russell

Last Name: Childers

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 5/30/1980 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 36

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 11/15/2016 8:47 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 12/27/2016 10:47 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: Other - specify

Manner of Death Description:

To be determined by the Justice of the Peace

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Multiple ballistic injuries

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?:	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:	FM 791 GPS Coordinates (28.81782, -98.24120)	City:	Campbellton
County:	Atascosa	Zip:	78008

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

Location Category: Field/woods/lake/waterway/beach

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:

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: Elsewhere, specify

Death Location Elsewhere:

Wooded area in Atascosa County

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 Peace officer - Attempt to Commit

Offense 2:

Aggravated Assault Against a Peace Officer

Offense 3:

Escape

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; Displayed other weapon, specify:

Specify Weapon Displayed:

Knife

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:	Injured law enforcement personnel; 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?:	Yes

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:	No	Escape or attempt to escape/flee custody:	Yes
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:

Jake Russell Childers was incarcerated in the Live Oak County Jail on November 15, 2016, on multiple felony charges. On December 23, 2016, Mr. Childers took a jailer hostage at knife point. Jail personnel were able to subdue Mr. Childers and free the hostage. Mr. Childers suffered minor injuries during the altercation. The following day when Mr. Childers complained of head pain two officers transported him to a medical facility for examination. While returning to the jail, Mr. Childers successfully escaped from the transport vehicle, and stole a pickup truck which contained firearms. Local, state, and federal agencies conducted an intense manhunt for Mr. Childers over the course of several days before DPS Aviation located the stolen truck in adjacent Atascosa County. On December 27, 2016, Mr. Childers was briefly observed in a remote area of thick vegetation in Atascosa County. DPS Highway Patrol units and local law enforcement units established a perimeter east of Campbellton, Texas. Tracking teams from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice were deployed. Mr. Childers fired at the tracking team, wounding one of the tracking dogs. At approximately 5:30 PM, DPS Aviation located the subject in thick brush and SWAT and SRT-6 tactical operators from the Special Operations Group (SOG) utilized an armored vehicle to deploy tactical diversion devices. However, Tactical operations were temporarily suspended due to incoming gunfire from the escapee. Under the cover of darkness, a six-man SOG tactical team was deployed and guided into heavy brush by DPS Aircraft. During a subsequent exchange of gunfire the escapee was killed and an SOG Operator narrowly avoided injury when a round fired by the suspect was deflected by two rifle magazines affixed to the front of the operator’s body armor.