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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	17-112-C	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	3/13/2017 3:56 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Lufkin Police Dept.	Agency Address:	PO Drawer 190
Agency City:	Lufkin	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	75902		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Chief	Director First Name:	Gerald
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Williamson		
Reporter Name:	Gerald Williamson	Reporter Email:	gwilliamson@lufkinpolice.com

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Epthen

Middle Name: Lamont

Last Name: Johnson

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 11/17/1976 Sex: Male

Race: Black or African American

Age At Time Of Death: 40

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 3/1/2017 1:30 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 3/1/2017 1:30 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)

Manner of Death: Homicide (includes Justifiable Homicide)

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Death due to multiple gunshot wounds

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:	620 Kurth Drive	City:	Lufkin
County:	Angelina	Zip:	75904

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

Location Category: Parking lot/garage

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: 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:

Aggravated Assault w/deadly weapon

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: 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: 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 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):	Yes	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?:	No	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:	Unknown	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:

A Lufkin Police Officer responding to a call of a stabbing in progress early Wednesday morning March 1, 2017, shot and killed the assault suspect when the suspect refused to comply with the officer’s commands to stop the assault.
Preliminary information shows that the incident began as a disturbance call to dispatchers around 1:20 a.m. Wednesday in which a citizen reported that a man was stabbing another man at 620 Kurth Drive.
When the officer arrived at the scene, he immediately saw two men fighting on the ground and believed the suspect to be stabbing the assault victim. The officer commanded the suspect several times to cease the assault before firing upon the suspect.
The suspect and victim were transported to local hospitals, where the suspect later died.
The victim’s condition was not immediately known early Wednesday.

The officer was physically unharmed during the incident.
Case was presented to an Angelina County Grand Jury and the Officer was no billed. Ranger's investigation and internal investigation found no wrong doing by the Officer.