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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

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Report Date:	5/8/2017 2:53 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Balch Springs Police Dept.	Agency Address:	12500 Elam Rd.
Agency City:	Balch Springs	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	75180		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Chief	Director First Name:	Jonathan
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Haber		
Reporter Name:	Billy Walts	Reporter Email:	walts357@balchspringspd.com

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name:	Jordan
Middle Name:	Javon
Last Name:	Edwards
Suffix:	
Date of Birth:	10/25/2001
Sex:	Male
Race:	Black or African American
Age At Time Of Death:	15

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident:	4/29/2017 11:14 PM

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

Death Date and Time:	4/30/2017 12:07 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:

Rifle wound of the head

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 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: 4200 Shepherd Ln
City: Balch Springs
County: Dallas
Zip: 75180

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

Location Category: Roadway/highway/street/sidewalk

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:

N/A

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: Alcohol / drug offense

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: No

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

Attempt to Injure Others?: No

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

Appear intoxicated (alcohol or drugs):	No	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:	No	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 04/29/2017 at approximately 23:00 hours Officers with the Balch Springs Police Department responded to 12304 Baron Drive Balch Springs, Dallas County, Texas in reference to a juvenile violation related to possible underage drinking.
Upon arrival officers discovered what appeared to be a large gathering (party) at the residence. Officers entered the residence conducting further investigation and moments later numerous loud gunshots were fired from outside of the house, resulting in chaos with persons running from the scene. Officers immediately exited the house in an attempt to locate where the gunshots had originated from. Officers observed a black Chevy Impala backing east on Baron Drive toward Shepherd Lane. One of the two responding officers (both of whom were wearing a distinct Balch Springs Police Uniform displaying both police patches and badge) approached the vehicle from the front as it continued backing giving numerous loud and clear verbal commands for the driver to stop the vehicle, drawing his handgun as the driver failed to comply. The vehicle continued in reverse backing out onto Shepherd Lane, then pulling forward in southward direction within arms length of this officer, resulting in him breaking the back passenger window with his gun (mounted light). At that time a second officer discharged his patrol rifle (which had been retrieved after hearing the original gun shots) striking the vehicle multiple times with it continuing south on Shepherd Lane. The vehicle was stopped less than a mile away on Bishop Drive where the front male occupant,(b/m 15 years of age) was found with a gunshot wound to the head. This subject was transported to Baylor University Medical Center (3500 Gaston Avenue Dallas, Texas) by Careflite Ambulance where he was pronounced dead. No officers or other occupants of the vehicle were injured during the incident.

At the request of the Balch Springs Police Department the Dallas County Sheriff's Office responded to the scene and immediately took control of any and all criminal investigations related to the incident.