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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	17-253-UF	Version Type:	ORIGINAL VERSION
Report Date:	5/15/2017 2:02 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Irving Police Dept.	Agency Address:	305 N. O'Connor Rd.
Agency City:	Irving	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	75061		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Chief	Director First Name:	Jeff
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Spivey		
Reporter Name:	John Schingle	Reporter Email:	jschingle@cityofirving.org

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Rodney

Middle Name: Laroy

Last Name: Henderson

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 1/13/1968

Sex: Male

Race: Black or African American

Age At Time Of Death: 49

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 5/2/2017 6:04 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 5/2/2017 6:04 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 pending

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

Manner of Death: Homicide (includes Justifiable

Homicide)

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Gunshot wounds to chest

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?: Handgun; Firearm, unspecified

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: 1417 S. Story Rd
City: Irving
County: Dallas
Zip: 75060

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

Location Category: Residence/Home

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: Scene of incident

General Information

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 w/Deadly Weapon DV

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):	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:	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 May 2, 2017, at 6:04a.m., Officers Pacos #967, Batchelor #1166, K. Patterson #1167 and Sergeant Lasch #1079 responded to a domestic violence call located at 1417 S. Story Rd. Irving, Dallas County, Texas. The female caller Mary Henderson stated a male, identified as her husband Rodney Henderson had her barricade

in an upstairs bedroom and was holding two butcher knives. Mary stated that her husband Rodney had cut her with the knife and he wasn't letting her out of the bedroom.

Upon Officer Pacos arrival he walked to the back of the residence and could hear screaming coming from an upstairs bedroom and requested his backup code. When assisting officers arrived Officer Pacos and Batchelor went to the front door. The door was locked, so Officer Pacos kicked the door to gain entry. Officer Pacos and Batchelor entered the residence followed by Patterson and Sergeant Lasch. When officers made there way to the stairs there was a very large pit bull at the top of the stairs. Sergeant Lasch deployed her Taser and used the device (arc mode) as they climbed the stairs several times, causing the dog to retreat.

When the officers arrived at the top of the stairs, they found the bedroom door shut and could still hear screaming coming from the bedroom. The dog was now in the corner of the hallway between the officers and the bedroom. The dog continued to be on the defensive attack and was eventually shot with the Taser by Sergeant Lasch. Officer Pacos kicked the bedroom door and eventually was able to gain entry. When the door opened Rodney was holding a knife in each hand. Rodney ran to the bed and grabbed Mary, as if using her as a shield, with a knife in each hand. Officer Pacos gave verbal commands to drop the knives numerous times, at one point Sergeant Lasch deployed her Taser and fired one time. Officer Pacos continued to give verbal commands and ultimately fired two rounds striking Rodney. Rodney was transported by Irving Fire Department to Parkland Hospital and pronounced dead at 7:15a.m. The incident was captured on the body worn cameras.