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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

Director Salutation:	Director	Director First Name:	Steven
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: Reginald

Middle Name: Lamont

Last Name: Bussle

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 7/21/1981 Sex: Male

Race: Black or African American

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: 8/19/2017 6:28 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 8/19/2017 11:51 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: Suicide

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Gunshot wound to head with penetration of skull and brain

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?: Decedent

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:	I-20 mm 601	City:	near Marshall
County:	Harrison	Zip:	75670

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: Police Custody (pre-booking)

Specific type of custody/facility:

Specific Type of Custody/Facility:

Custody of Law Enforcement Personnel subsequent to 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:

Deadly Conduct - F3

Offense 2:

Evading Arrest with Motor Vehicle - SJF

Offense 3:

Reckless Driving - MB

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: Medical / Mental Health assistance call

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

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): Unknown

Make suicidal statements?: Yes

Exhibit any mental health problems?:	Unknown	Exhibit any medical problems?:	Unknown

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):	Unknown	Gain possession of officer's weapon:	No
Verbally threaten other(s) including law:	Unknown	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:

On Saturday, August 19, 2017 at approximately 6:27 p.m., Texas Department of Public Safety Highway Patrol Corporal Jesse Stewart initiated a traffic contact on a blue 2016 Cadillac Escalade on SH 42 at I-20 in Gregg County in reference to a suicidal male subject armed with a handgun. The subject had previously been tracked by On-Star from Grand Prairie, Texas traveling E on I-20 at speeds over 100 mph and stopped at a Shell gas station on SH 42. Corporal Stewart noticed the driver was still inside the Cadillac and he attempted a Felony Traffic Stop. The driver did not comply and sped away traveling E on I-20 at a very high rate of speed, traveling over 120 mph for approximately fourteen miles. The driver was driving reckless by speeding, passing on the improved shoulder and cutting in and out of traffic, dangerously close to other motorists. Corporal Stewart had On-Star deactivate the accelerator electronically and the vehicle stopped on the outside improved shoulder of I-20. Corporal Stewart again attempted to conduct a Felony Traffic Stop and the driver did not comply and continuously 'shot the finger' instead. The subject was identified as Reginald Lamont Bussle. After being barricaded inside the Cadillac for approximately fourteen minutes, Bussle fired two shots from a Ruger 9mm handgun out of the driver side open window in a reckless manner endangering passing motorists traveling W on I-20. It appeared that the indiscriminate firing of his weapon was an attempt to draw return fire from officers. Approximately thirty minutes later, Bussle again fired two shots out of the driver side window. Texas DPS Crisis Negotiation officers arrived and also unsuccessfully tried to get Bussle to surrender. Bussle finally committed suicide by shooting himself in the mouth with the 9mm handgun.