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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: Devon

Middle Name: Michael

Last Name: McKnight

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 2/26/1991 Sex: Male

Race: Black or African American

Age At Time Of Death: 26

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 8/20/2017 12:46 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 8/20/2017 1:38 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: Accidental

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Blunt force trauma from motorcycle crash.

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?:	Not applicable

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?:	Vehicle-involved death

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:	Not applicable, cause of death was illness/natural cause

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address:	Intersection of FM 1516 and IH-10	City:	San Antonio
County:	Bexar	Zip:	78109

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 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: Medical facility

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:

Evading Arrest or Detention-Felony

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: Other, specify

Type of Offense, Other:

Speeding, Evading Arrest

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):	Unknown	Make suicidal statements?:	Unknown
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?:	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:	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 August 20, 2017, I was notified by DPS Communications San Antonio that Trooper Michael Gutierrez had been involved in a vehicle pursuit from Wilson County into Bexar County which ended when the two motorcycles that were evading Trooper Gutierrez crashed their motorcycles at the intersection of IH-10 and FM 1516. When I arrived on the location both individuals had already been transported to the hospital. Trooper Gutierrez advised me he was parked on the side of US 181 on the north bound side when he observed two dark colored motorcycles traveling north bound traveling 82 miles per hour in a 65 miles per hour zone. He stated that he activated his overhead lights in an attempt to pull the motorcycles over for the violation of speeding. Instead, the motorcycles accelerated to well over 100 MPH. He activated his siren and the motorcycles still failed to yield. The motorcycles reached speeds in excess of 130 miles per hour while traveling NB on US 181 towards San Antonio.

The pursuit continued NB on US 181 until it merged onto IH 37. The motorcycles then merged onto EB Loop 410. The motorcycles traveled side by side for the majority of the pursuit. One of the motorcycles would split from the other at different exits on EB Loop 410 and then rejoin the other at the next entrance ramp. The motorcycle that exited Loop 410 would disregard all traffic signals and signs at intersections in an attempt to avoid apprehension. At this point, Trooper Jacob Lavender joined the pursuit and began assisting by staying behind the motorcycle that remained on Loop 410. Trooper Gutierrez lost sight of the motorcycle that kept exiting Loop 410 at the intersection of Houston St. and Loop 410. Trooper Lavender still had visual contact with the motorcycle that remained on Loop 410. Both motorcycles entered I-10, traveling eastbound

approximately 1/4 mile in front of Trooper Lavender. Trooper Lavender advised Trooper Gutierrez that the motorcycle took the FM 1516 exit and had possibly crashed. Trooper Gutierrez took the exit for FM 1516 and observed a white male in the process of attempting to pick up a black colored motorcycle. Trooper Gutierrez took the subject, identified as Daniel Wayne Hash, into custody. At this point, Trooper Gutierrez observed the second motorcycle crashed on the feeder road east of FM 1516. The second male subject was identified as Devon Michael McKnight. EMS was immediately notified to respond to the scene. Trooper Lavender provided comfort and treatment to McKnight while Trooper Gutierrez provided comfort and treatment to Hash until EMS arrived on the scene. At this point both male subjects were transported by EMS to San Antonio Medical Center for medical treatment. McKnight was pronounced deceased at 1:38 a.m. at San Antonio Medical Center.