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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	18-1252-UF	Version Type:	ORIGINAL VERSION
Report Date:	12/11/2018 10:08 AM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Fort Worth Police Dept.	Agency Address:	350 W. Belknap
Agency City:	Fort Worth	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	76102		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Chief	Director First Name:	Joel
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Fitzgerald		
Reporter Name:	Laurie Harrington	Reporter Email:	laurie.harrington@fortworthtexas.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Lonell

Middle Name:

Last Name: Sharp

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 2/12/1952

Sex: Male

Race: Black or African American

Age At Time Of Death: 66

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 3/11/2018 7:00 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 3/11/2018 7:00 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: Suicide

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Gunshot wound of 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?: 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:	6156 Ramey Avenue	City:	Fort Worth
County:	Tarrant	Zip:	76112

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

Location Category: Field/woods/lake/waterway/beach

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:

none

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: 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?:	Yes	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?:	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 March 11, 2018, at 6:48 a.m., Fort Worth Police Communications received a 911 call. Vernon Sharp advised that his brother (Lonell Sharp) called to tell him he was going to kill himself. Vernon Sharp headed to that location and found Lonell Sharp sitting in his vehicle. He was parked in the field just south of the Family Dollar Store near the corner of East Loop 820 and Ramey Avenue. He advised that Lonell Sharp was armed with a handgun and was telling him he was going to kill himself. He requested that ambulance and police make the scene. At 6:53 a.m., Fort Worth Police officers were dispatched on a suicidal person call at 6156 Ramey Avenue. MedStar staged nearby in case they were needed to provide medical treatment. Officers arrived at the call location and observed Lonell Sharp in the field south of the Family Dollar Store. He was on his knees facing the officers holding a handgun to his head. The officers slowly approached Lonell Sharp with their duty weapons drawn and began giving verbal commands for him to drop the weapon. As the officers approached on foot, Lonell Sharp turned away from the officers, but continued to hold the handgun to his head and was not complying with the officer’s commands. One of the officers transitioned from this handgun to a less lethal force option, Taser, while the other officer continued to provide cover with her handgun. The officer deployed the ECD in an effort to prevent Lonell Sharp from shooting himself. Several seconds later Lonell Sharp shot himself in the head. MedStar personnel arrived on scene and it was determined that Lonell Sharp had no vital signs and was pronounced deceased. (Reference Report #18-21950 for more details)