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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

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Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Fort Worth Police Dept.	Agency Address:	1000 Calvert Street
Agency City:	Fort Worth	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	76107		

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: Nathaniel

Middle Name:

Last Name: Watson

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 1/5/1987

Sex: Male

Race: Black or African American

Age At Time Of Death: 31

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 11/16/2018 1:30 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 11/16/2018 2:05 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 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?: 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:	3500 S. Riverside Drive	City:	Fort Worth
County:	Tarrant	Zip:	76119

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: 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: 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 with Deadly Weapon

Offense 2:

Evading Arrest

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: 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?:	No
Exhibit any mental health problems?:	Unknown	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:	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 November 16, 2018, Fort Worth Police Department Gang Section officers were attempting to locate Watson who was known to have an active Aggravated Assault Deadly Weapon warrant out of their section. Officers received information that Watson had been staying at the Autumn Chase Apartments located at 3500 S. Riverside Drive and was possibly driving a white Yukon that had previously been stolen in a robbery. Officers were at the apartments and observed a vehicle matching the description drive into the complex. They began to follow the vehicle to the back of the complex where they saw Watson back the Yukon into a parking space along the west fence line. Officers stopped their marked patrol vehicle and exited. They were both wearing FWPD uniforms. As they approached Watson he opened the driver door and ran toward the fence. Officers commanded Watson to stop, but he continued to run. One officer pursued him over the fence into a wooded area. They ran down an embankment and Watson crossed a creek and ran up the other side. The officer in pursuit, crossed the creek and as he came out the other side he saw Watson look back at him and fire one shot. The officers then held their position while they waited for K-9 and Air 1 helicopter to arrive on the scene. About one minute after the first shot, officer heard a second shot. Air 1 helicopter officer got a head signature about 30 yards south from where Watson crossed the creek. Officers on the ground were directed to that location, where they located Watson. He was laying on the ground and was not responding to the officers commands to show them his hands. As they approached him to take him into custody they observed a handgun on the ground and he had a gunshot wound to his head. MedStar ambulance was cleared to the scene, and Watson was pronounced deceased on the scene at 2:05 a.m. On November 17, 2018, the autopsy was performed and it was determined that Watson had an entry wound to the right side of his head and an exit wound to the left. It was ruled a self inflicted wound.