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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	18-146-UF	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	10/12/2018 5:58 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Austin Police Dept.	Agency Address:	PO BOX 689001
Agency City:	Austin	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	78768		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Lieutenant	Director First Name:	Kurt
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Thomas		
Reporter Name:	Kurt Thomas	Reporter Email:	kurt.thomas@austintexas.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Thomas

Middle Name: Vincent

Last Name: Alvarez

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 6/24/1994 Sex: Male

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 23

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 2/19/2018 6:03 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 2/19/2018 7:36 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: Homicide (includes Justifiable Homicide)

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Multiple Gunshot wounds

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?:	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?:	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:	4900 blk of Edge Creek Dr	City:	Austin
County:	Travis	Zip:	78744

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: 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

Offense 2:

Evading in a Motor Vehicle

Offense 3:

UUMV

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:	Crime Against Property

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):	Yes	Make suicidal statements?:	Yes
Exhibit any mental health problems?:	Yes	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):	Yes	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 2/19/2018, at approximately 5:30pm, the Austin Police Department responded to a 911 call reporting a disturbance in progress at 4812 Nuckols Crossing Road. The female 911 caller reported the roommate of one of her friends, followed that friend to this location in a taxi cab. The caller reported that the occupant of the cab may have been on drugs and may have been carrying a gun. When the initial responding officer arrived on scene, he tried to detain both the driver and other occupant of the cab. The officer was able to detain the driver, but the other occupant re-entered the taxi cab and drove off. Because the officer was alone, and already had the driver detained, he did not give chase to the fleeing cab. Later, other officers located the same cab, attended by a male driver, driving in the area of William Cannon Drive and Interstate Highway 35. Officers attempted to stop the cab, but the driver of the cab began evading. Officers gave chase and a vehicular pursuit ensued. After several minutes, the cab came to a stop at a closed exit gate in a neighborhood located in the 4900 block of Edge Creek Drive. Pursuing and responding officers surrounded the vehicle. The male occupant was observed holding a handgun to his head as officers took up positions surrounding him. Based upon the situation, officers considered the armed occupant of the cab a barricaded subject. Officers took up cover positions and began trying to negotiate the surrender of the occupant of the cab. Having deemed the situation a barricaded subject, officers also requested response by the APD SWAT Team. While waiting on that response, officers continued to negotiate the surrender of the occupant by utilizing the public address system of a patrol vehicle. During the attempted negotiation, the occupant of the cab began displaying his firearm in a manner that was deemed a deadly threat by several individual officers on the scene. Various individual officers, at various points in time, responded to their individually perceived threats by the suspect, with gunfire. The volleys of gunfire, by officers who fired their weapons, were fired

from a combination of handguns and rifles. The occupant of the cab, having been struck by gunfire, succumbed to his injuries on the scene. He was later pronounced deceased.