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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	18-280-UF	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	4/24/2018 12:12 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Palestine Police Dept.	Agency Address:	504 N. Queen St.
Agency City:	Palestine	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	75801		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Chief	Director First Name:	Mike
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Alexander		
Reporter Name:	Mark Harcrow	Reporter Email:	mharcrow@palestine-tx.org

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Aaron

Middle Name: Edward

Last Name: Blagg

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 5/4/1986 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

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: 2/23/2018 11:23 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 3/7/2018 2:30 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: Pending autopsy results

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Pending autopsy results

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:	3089 ACR 359	City:	Palestine
County:	Anderson	Zip:	75803

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

Location Category: Other, specify

Other Location Category:

Private driveway

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:

Hospital/Infirmary

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?:	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:

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Offense 2:

Unlawful Possession of Firearm by Felon

Offense 3:

Theft of Firearm

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:	Alcohol / drug offense

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?:	Yes (select all that apply)

Ways Decedent Attempted To Injure Others:	Attempted to injure law enforcement personnel

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?:	Yes
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 February 23, 2018, officers responded to the Best Western motel in Palestine, TX, in reference to the suspect, Aaron Blagg, being at the location in possession of a large quantity of narcotics and weapons. Officers arrived and observed the suspect's vehicle leaving the location driven by a female subject with the suspect occupying the front passenger seat. Officers attempted to perform a traffic stop on the vehicle, but the vehicle would not stop.

Officers pursued the vehicle for a distance, until the vehicle stopped in a private drive at 3089 ACR 359. Officers began giving commands the driver and the suspect. The female exited the driver seat of the vehicle and was taken into custody. Officers continued to give commands to the suspect who continued to sit in the

front passenger seat with the door open. The suspect refused to obey commands to raise his hands and reached beneath the seat with his right hand. The suspect then pulled a handgun from beneath the seat of the vehicle. An officer then grabbed the suspects arm to stop him from raising the weapon. During the struggle, the suspect fired one round from the weapon he removed from beneath and the officer fired one round from his duty handgun. Both of the fired rounds struck the suspect. The suspect was transported to a hospital in Tyler, TX, where he stayed until his death on March 7, 2018. An autopsy was performed and the results are pending.