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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	18-657-UF	Version Type:	ORIGINAL VERSION
Report Date:	7/20/2018 12:54 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Garland Police Dept.	Agency Address:	1891 Forest Lane
Agency City:	Garland	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	75042		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Chief	Director First Name:	Mitchel
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Bates		
Reporter Name:	John Spera	Reporter Email:	speraj@garlandtx.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Shaun

Middle Name: Leo

Last Name: Gates

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 3/27/1978 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 40

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 7/10/2018 7:00 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 7/10/2018 1:36 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:

Homicide-Gun Shot Wound

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?: 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?: 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: 4200 Bass Pro Dr.
City: Garland
County: Dallas
Zip: 75043

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?: 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:

Aggravated Assault-Peace Officer

Offense 2:

Aggravated Assault

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: Displayed other weapon, specify:

Specify Weapon Displayed:

Two Machetes in 12-14 inch blade lengths

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; Attempted to injure civilian(s) or other inmate(s)

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?:	Unknown
Exhibit any mental health problems?:	No	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?:	Yes
Physically attempt/assault officer(s):	Yes	Gain possession of officer's weapon:	No
Verbally threaten other(s) including law:	Unknown	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 July 10, 2018 at approximately 1:28 p.m. Garland Police Officers were dispatched to the area of E. Interstate Hwy 30 and Bass Pro Dr. in reference to a white male armed with two machetes. The male, later identified as Shaun Leo Gates white/male, date of birth 3-27-1978 was reportedly chasing and swinging the machetes at passing motor vehicles, some of which he struck. Mr. Gates also made attempts to enter at least two occupied businesses with the weapons which were secured to his wrist with Para cord. Numerous 911 calls were made from passing motorist/victims as well as from the businesses he attempted to enter. Additional citizens had flagged down nearby Dallas County Deputy Sheriffs to report the offenses. Garland Police arrived at the location and observed Gates armed with the machetes whereas he was confronted. Gates ignored officers verbal commands to drop the weapons and instead began hollering and aggressively came toward a Garland Police Officer. The officer fearing for his safety as well as the safety of the immediate public, fired his duty weapon striking and killing Mr. Gates . The machetes had approximate blade lengths of 12 to 14 inches each, one with a "Tanto" style tip, and both with double edges.