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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	19-104-UF	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	9/12/2019 2:09 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:	Chief	Director First Name:	Brian
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Manley		
Reporter Name:	Kurt Thomas	Reporter Email:	kurt.thomas@austintexas.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Paul

Middle Name: Andrew

Last Name: Cantu

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 7/17/1991 Sex: Male

Race: Hispanic or Latino

Age At Time Of Death: 27

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 1/29/2019 1:40 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 1/29/2019 3:27 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: Homicide (includes Justifiable Homicide)

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Gunshots

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?:	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:	7900 blk of E. William Cannon Drive	City:	Austin
County:	Travis	Zip:	78744

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: Medical facility

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:

Deadly Conduct

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: Other, specify

Type of Offense, Other:

Evading in a motor vehicle investigation

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 firearm without discharge

At any time during the incident and/or entry into the law enforcement facility, did the decedent:

Attempt to Injure Others?: Unknown

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?:	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:	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 1/28/2018, at approximately 10:30pm, a vehicle evaded from an Austin PD officer, after an attempted traffic stop for a traffic violation committed at the intersection of E. Slaughter Lane and the northbound frontage road of IH35. After the officer initiated his emergency lights to stop the vehicle, it began to evade the officer. Due to the offense being a minor traffic violation, the officer did not engage in a pursuit of the vehicle. Later the officer spoke over the phone with a family member of the registered owner of the vehicle. Through that conversation, the officer received information that the vehicle, which had evaded earlier, may be in the area of Auburn Blaze Lane, in Austin, Texas. At approximately 1:40am, an Austin PD patrol supervisor was patrolling in this area, and discovered the vehicle that had evaded earlier in a field along side the 7900 blk of E. William Cannon Drive. This supervisor went out on the vehicle to investigate further. As he pulled up behind the vehicle, the decedent exited the vehicle armed with a firearm and initially pointed it at the patrol supervisor. The patrol supervisor took a position of cover and requested more patrol units to respond. The decedent assumed a kneeling posture on the ground. The patrol supervisor spoke to the decedent for several minutes in an attempt to get the decedent to put down the firearm and surrender. More officers then began to arrive. At various times during the encounter the decedent pointed the firearm at himself. Suddenly, the decedent stood and pointed the firearm outwards in the direction of officers on the scene, and two officers engaged the decedent with gunfire, striking him. The decedent fell to the ground. Officers approached the

decedent, secured him, and began administering first aid while awaiting for EMS to respond. Once EMS arrived, the decedent was transported to the hospital. The decedent was pronounced deceased at 3:27am.