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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

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Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Sweetwater Police Dept.	Agency Address:	PO BOX 450
Agency City:	Sweetwater	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	79556		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Chief	Director First Name:	Brian
Director Middle Name:	M		
Director Last Name:	Frieda		
Reporter Name:	Brian Frieda	Reporter Email:	bfrieda@coswtr.org

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Jordan

Middle Name:

Last Name: Waldrop

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 1/25/1985 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 34

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 10/23/2019 11:43 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 10/23/2019 11:43 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 pending

What was the manner of death? (select only one)

Homicide (includes

Manner of Death:	Justifiable Homicide)

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Autopsy report pending, however, subject was shot multiple times.

Had the decedent been receiving treatment for the medical condition that caused the death after admission to your jail's jurisdiction?

Medical Treatment:	Unknown

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:	Alley between Morris and Fairway Streets	City:	Sweetwater
County:	Nolan	Zip:	79556

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

Location Category: Other, specify

Other Location Category:

Shop area located in alley detached from primary residence.

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 with Deadly Weapon

Offense 2:

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?:	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?:	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?:	N/A
Physically attempt/assault officer(s):	No	Gain possession of officer's weapon:	N/A
Verbally threaten other(s) including law:	Yes	Escape or attempt to escape/flee custody:	No
Attempt gain possession officer's weapon:	N/A		

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:

The information contained below is preliminary information.

On 10-23-2019 at approximately 11:27 P.M. Officers responded to the initial report of shots fired at 1 Fairway Street Sweetwater, Nolan County Texas. Upon arriving Officers met with the reporting party Fred Waldrop which advised that his son was very upset and was verbally threatening to "Fucking Kill them or anyone else wanting to fuck with him" and at point Fred advised that he got up from his recliner to dial 911 when a shot rang out, it was then his son Jordan left out the backdoor of the residence to the alley that led to the location of a shop on a detached piece of property where he heard an additional shot be fired.

Two officers of the Sweetwater Police Department began the slow task of attempting to locate the subject Jordan regarding the disturbance, including the at least two shot being fired. The officers approached the secondary location finding a shop consisting of two overhead doors and one metal door in the center, only one of the overhead doors was open with lights on. The officers reportedly approached the open overhead door and as the officer made contact with Waldrop he was found to be in possession of an AR-15 style rifle, reportedly Waldrop began to raise the weapon and officers fired multiple rounds striking Waldrop. Officers approached removed the rifle from Waldrop and securing him by placing him into handcuffs and notified dispatch of the shots having been fired and EMS was needed at their location. Upon EMS arriving on scene Waldrop was found to not be breathing nor displaying other signs of life, it was at that time emergency medical personnel ran a strip to confirm that there was no sign of a heart beat.
As the on duty supervisor was responding to the location, I was notified of the shooting and responded to the location as well. As I spoke with the Sergeant to determine who was involved and their status I also asked what other resources had been activated, I then had our CID unit notified as I also then notified the Texas Rangers and requested their assistance per our departmental policy. Once on scene the Rangers were handed the scene and our detectives assisted as they needed. Once the scene had been processed a magistrate was notified and upon the Nolan County Judges arrival he arranged for J. Waldrop's body to be transported to Lubbock, Tx for an autopsy. It was reported to me later on 10/24/2019 that the autopsy was completed at approx. 10:00 A.M. on 10/24/2019, and as of the filing of this report no information has been received by this office. Nothing further at this time, as I am awaiting a briefing from Investigators.

Brian Frieda, Chief
Sweetwater Police Department