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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

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Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Beaumont Police Dept.	Agency Address:	PO BOX 3827
Agency City:	Beaumont	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	77704		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Chief	Director First Name:	James
Director Middle Name:	P		
Director Last Name:	Singletary		
Reporter Name:	Curtis Breaux	Reporter Email:	curtis.breaux@beaumonttexas.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Crederick

Middle Name:

Last Name: Joseph

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 10/12/1981 Sex: Male

Race: Black or African American

Age At Time Of Death: 37

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 10/8/2019 12:09 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 10/8/2019 12:09 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:

Bullet wounds to vital organs.

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:	2640 IH-10 East	City:	Beaumont
County:	Jefferson	Zip:	77701

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

Location Category: Business

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:

Custody of Law Enforcement Personnel during/fleeing arrest

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 on a Public Servant-Dangerous Weapon-22.02B3

Offense 2:

Robbery (Strong arm-hands, fists, feet, etc.) -29.02

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: Used other weapon, specify:

Specify Weapon Used:

Decedent gained control of officer's baton and struck officer in the head multiple times.

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):	No	Make suicidal statements?:	No
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:	Yes
Verbally threaten other(s) including law:	Yes	Escape or attempt to escape/flee custody:	Yes
Attempt gain possession officer's weapon:	Yes		

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:

Officer responded to 2640 IH-10 East, the "Merit Inn" motel, in reference to a disturbance. While enroute, the dispatcher had an open line with the caller and could hear the disturbance, and relayed to the responding officer that the violence was increasing.
The deceased had attacked the motel clerk outside, and escorted her back inside and was demanding she give him money. The clerk was being held violently by the hair and pulled around the office area.
The first officer on the scene entered the office as the attack was still occurring. The suspect released the clerk and backed away. The officer approached the suspect from behind and was beginning to handcuff said suspect, when the suspect turned around and began violently resisting the officer's actions.
During the fight, the suspect was able to get behind the officer and began strangling the officer, at one point lifting the officer's feet off of the ground. The officer continued fighting at which time both fell to the floor. The suspect landed on top of the officer, and was able to remove the officers baton from it's holder, and began violently striking the officer in the head, causing a large laceration in the center of the top of the officer's head. These blows cause the officer to fall backwards, at which time he had no choice but to draw and fire his weapon at the suspect, and immediately stopped the continuous assault, which had already resulted in bodily injury.
The suspect collapsed to the floor where he expired.