KEN PAXTON
ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	19-1221-UF	Version Type:	AMENDED
Report Date:	6/16/2020 11:26 AM	Status:	Submitted

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: Kennith

Middle Name: Waynon

Last Name: Hooker

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 7/14/1967 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 52

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 11/14/2019 5:18 AM

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

Death Date and Time: 11/14/2019 5:18 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:	2578 IH-10 East	City:	Beaumont
County:	Jefferson	Zip:	77703

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:

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?: 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 on a Public Servant-Dangerous Weapon-22.02B3

Offense 2:

Burglary of a Building-30.02A1

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: Crime Against Property

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:

Approximately 14" large handle screwdriver.

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?:	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?:	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:

Officers responded to 2578 IH-10 East, the "Al Basha" restaurant, in reference to a possible "Burglary in Progress". Upon arrival, officers discovered a point of entry, being a large plate glass window on the front of the closed business, which had been shattered.
Officers entered the dark restaurant through this opening, and made contact with the deceased, who was bent down behind the counter/register area. Officers gave commands for the suspect to stop what he was doing, however, the suspect stood up and leaped across the counter, and began running towards the point of entry, with the large screwdriver in his hand. Officers continuously ordered him to stop and drop what was in his hands, however, the suspect continued to run in the direction of the assisting officer, who was in the area between the suspect and the shattered window.
Fearing the suspect was going to stab the officer nearest the window, the original officer fired his weapon, and struck the suspect four times, causing him to collapse to the floor, and succumb to his injuries. The large screwdriver was still in his hand when officers approached.
The officers then called for help for medical assistance, and made the necessary notifications.