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CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

CDR Number:	19-1272-UF	Version Type:	ORIGINAL VERSION
Report Date:	12/4/2019 12:25 PM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Fort Worth Police Dept.	Agency Address:	1000 Calvert Street
Agency City:	Fort Worth	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	76107		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Chief	Director First Name:	Edwin
Director Middle Name:			
Director Last Name:	Kraus		

Reporter Name:	Laurie Harrington	Reporter Email:	laurie.harrington@fortworthtexas.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Christopher

Middle Name: D

Last Name: Charleston

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 12/3/1985 Sex: Male

Race: Black or African American

Age At Time Of Death: 33

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 11/27/2019 9:55 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 11/27/2019 10:02 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)

Manner of Death: Suicide

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Contact gunshot wound of head.

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?: Decedent

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:	3300 Avenue N	City:	Fort Worth
County:	Tarrant	Zip:	76105

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:

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: 11/27/2019 9:55 PM

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:
Stolen Vehicle	
	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?:	No

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?:	N/A	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?:	N/A
Physically attempt/assault officer(s):	No	Gain possession of officer's weapon:	N/A
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:

On Wednesday evening, November 27, 2019, just before 10:00pm, Fort Worth Police Department officers observed a vehicle matching the description of a vehicle that was stolen in a car jacking by a suspect that had just been involved in a shooting at a near by motel. The officers attempted a traffic stop on the stolen vehicle but the suspect failed to stop and drove for approximately two blocks on Vaughn Avenue before turning onto Avenue N where he abruptly stopped the vehicle in the middle of the street keeping his foot on the brake. The officers initiated a felony stop with numerous officers giving loud verbal commands to the suspect, but the suspect did not respond. The call was treated as a barricaded subject and SWAT was dispatched to the scene. After about an hour, the officers utilized a drone to view the inside of the vehicle. The suspect was seated in the front seat with his head tilted to one side and there was no movement from inside the vehicle. The officers approached the vehicle and it was determined that the suspect had a self inflicted gunshot wound to his head. MedStar approached the vehicle to provide any medical treatment necessary and located the suspect in the drivers seat with a handgun on the passenger seat. He had a gunshot wound to his head with no pulse and he was not breathing. His pupils were fixed and dilated and death was verified at 10:02 pm. The death was treated as an in custody and the Major Case unit was notified for the Critical Police Incident.