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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

# CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

## Agency Information

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| CDR Number: | 19-223-UF | Version Type: | ORIGINAL VERSION |
| Report Date: | 3/11/2019 3:10 PM | Status: | Submitted |

### Agency/Facility Information

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| Agency Name: | Waco Police Dept. | Agency Address: | 3115 Pine |
| Agency City: | Waco | Agency State: | TX |
| Agency Zip: | 76708 | | |

### Director Information

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| Director Salutation: | Chief | Director First Name: | Ryan |
| Director Middle Name: | E. | | |
| Director Last Name: | Holt | | |
| Reporter Name: | V.R. Price, Jr. | Reporter Email: | jprice@wacotx.gov |

## Decedent Information

### Identity of Deceased

First Name: Lorne

Middle Name: Kyle

Last Name: Ashmore

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 2/26/1969 Sex: Male

Race: Anglo or White

Age At Time Of Death: 50

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

Date/Time of Custody or Incident: 3/1/2019 9:52 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 3/1/2019 10:27 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 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:

Multiple gunshot wounds to neck, trunk and left upper extremity

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

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| Medical Treatment: | Not Applicable |

## If death was an accident, homicide or suicide, who caused the death?

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| 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)

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| 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?

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| 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?

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| Means of Death: | Firearm |

# Location / Custody Information

## Where did the event causing the death occur?

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| Street Address: | 1400 block Speight Avenue | City: | Waco |
| County: | McLennan | Zip: | 76706 |

## 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:

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 with a Deadly Weapon (knife)

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; 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:; Used other weapon, specify:

Specify Weapon Displayed:

Knife

Specify Weapon Used:

Knife

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

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| Attempt to Injure Others?: | Yes (select all that apply) |
| Ways Decedent Attempted To Injure Others: | Injured civilian(s) or other inmate(s) |

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

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| Appear intoxicated (alcohol or drugs): | Yes | 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:

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| Barricade self or initiate standoff?: | No | Resist being handcuffed or arrested?: | No |
| Physically attempt/assault officer(s): | No | Gain possession of officer's weapon: | No |
| Verbally threaten other(s) including law: | Yes | 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?

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| Under Restraint: | No |

## Summary of Incident

### Summary of How the Death Occurred: (max. 30,000 characters)

Summary:

On March 1,2019, at approximately 9:39 PM, Waco police officers were dispatched to a local motel on IH-35, regarding a civil disturbance involving a guest at the motel. Information given to the officers was that the guest had broken out the windows to his room and was outside with a knife and attempting to gain entry into another room that was occupied. Management and maintenance personnel had approached the guest prior to calling the police and asked him to leave the property but he refused. Management identified the guest as a white male, Kyle Ashmore.

The primary officer arrived on scene at 9:46 PM and due to the erratic behavior of Mr. Ashmore, the officer had to approach him and attempt to get him to drop the knife and to calm down. He was still outside the motel and for the second time he had attempted to gain entry into another room by using his knife to pry open the door. As the officer was giving commands to Mr. Ashmore to drop the knife and get down on the ground, Mr. Ashmore took off running into a public roadway (1400 block of Speight Avenue). A maintenance employee from the motel suddenly gave chase and caught up with Mr. Ashmore after he had stopped a car and was attempting to open one of the back doors to the vehicle. The car was occupied by two adults, and children who were in the back seat. The maintenance employee grabbed Mr. Ashmore to keep him from gaining access to the children and was trying to throw him to the ground. Mr. Ashmore immediately began to stab the maintenance employee with the knife, causing multiple stab wounds to his head and upper torso. The officer had just caught up to them, yelling for Mr. Ashmore to drop the knife and for the employee to get away from Mr. Ashmore. Mr. Ashmore continued to stab the employee and the officer fired her service weapon at Mr. Ashmore, to stop his deadly assault on another. Mr. Ashmore released his grip on the employee and fell to the ground. Officers who had arrived on scene began life saving emergency care for Mr. Ashmore, until paramedics arrived and he was transported to a local hospital by ambulance. He was pronounced deceased at 10:27 PM. The motel employee suffered life threatening wounds and was taken to a local hospital where he was admitted and underwent surgery. His condition improved after a couple days and he is expected to recover.

The investigation revealed evidence of narcotics and/or narcotics use in Mr. Ashmore's motel room. The knife that the used at the motel and to critically injure the motel employee, was also recovered at the shooting scene. It was learned that Mr. Ashmore has suffered from schizophrenia and bi-polar disorder for many years. Family members revealed that when he is not taking his medications, he will hallucinate and will see and hear things that are not visible to other people; as well as believing that he has been selected to locate and destroy evil.