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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

CUSTODIAL DEATH REPORT

Agency Information

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Report Date:	3/25/2020 11:14 AM	Status:	Submitted

Agency/Facility Information

Agency Name:	Taylor Police Dept.	Agency Address:	500 S. Main Street
Agency City:	Taylor	Agency State:	TX
Agency Zip:	76574		

Director Information

Director Salutation:	Chief	Director First Name:	Henry
Director Middle Name:	K		
Director Last Name:	Fluck		
Reporter Name:	Henry Fluck	Reporter Email:	henry.fluck@taylortx.gov

Decedent Information

Identity of Deceased

First Name: Gabriel

Middle Name: Dwyane

Last Name: King

Suffix:

Date of Birth: 8/28/1986 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: 9/14/2019 10:46 PM

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

Death Date and Time: 9/14/2019 11:00 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: Accidental

Medical Cause of Death:

Medical Cause of Death:

Blunt force injuries 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: Not Applicable

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?: Vehicle-involved death

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: Vehicle accident

Location / Custody Information

Where did the event causing the death occur?

Street Address:	300 Vance St.	City:	Taylor
County:	Williamson	Zip:	76574

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

Location Category: Other, specify

Other Location Category:

Vacant Lot off of 300 Vance Street

What type of custody/facility was the Decedent in at the time of death:

Type of Custody: Police Custody (pre-booking)

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:

Evading Arrest by 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: Other, specify

Type of Offense, Other:

Officers were responding to an unwanted subject creating a disturbance. The deceased failed to comply with the Officer's attempt to stop and pull over and then evaded arrest by vehicle.

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: No

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?:	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?:	No
Physically attempt/assault officer(s):	No	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:

On September 14, 2019, at 10:40 PM, Taylor Police responded on a call for service to 308 Vance Street, Taylor, Texas. At 10:46 PM, the deceased, later identified as Gabriel Dwayne King, 33 years, of Cedar Park, was pointed out by multiple persons at the scene as the subject involved in the disturbance. Upon his observing Officers approaching the location in their vehicles, Mr. King entered his vehicle and was attempting to leave the scene when the Officers arrived. Mr. King was initially driving slowly when a Taylor Police Officer approached Mr. King on foot and verbally instructed him to stop and pull over. Mr. King verbally advised the Officer that he would, but then fled the scene in his vehicle and attempted to evade the Officers, in his vehicle, a 2004 Mercury Mountaineer. The two responding Taylor Police Units engaged in the vehicle pursuit.

At the intersection of W. Third Street and Talbot Street, Mr. King's vehicle went airborne and he began to lose control. Mr. King's vehicle struck the curb, rolled on its right passenger side, and ran over the stop sign at W. Third Street and and Vance Street. At 10:47 PM, Mr. King's vehicle continued sliding on its side westbound, and came to rest in a vacant lot in the northwest corner of W. Third Street and Vance Street, where the pursuit ended. Mr. King's vehicle was lying on its right passenger side facing westbound.

Mr. King was partially ejected from the vehicle and suffered massive head injuries. The Taylor Fire Department and the Williamson County Emergency Medical Services responded and Mr. King was pronounced dead on the scene.

The Taylor Police Department requested that Texas DPS respond to the scene and investigate the fatal collision. Two Texas DPS units responded to the scene and conducted an investigation of the collision. Taylor Detectives responded to the scene and investigated the disturbance that occurred prior to the vehicle pursuit. Two Taylor Police Commanders and the Chief of Police responded to the scene to conduct an administrative investigation of the vehicle pursuit.

This was a single vehicle fatal collision involving only the deceased's vehicle. Taylor Police Units were not involved in the collision. There were no other injuries from the collision or vehicle pursuit. The pursuit covered eight city blocks and lasted one minute. The pursuit ended at the same approximate location where it began.

In summary, the deceased was attempting to evade arrest in his vehicle that resulted in a single vehicle accidental fatal collision that was caused by the actions of the deceased.